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HONG KONG.

WIDE-SPREAD FLOODS THREATENED THROUGHOUT AMERICA



Lady Sykes, wife of the former Governor of Bombay, who has been awarded the Kaiser-i-Hind medal of the first-class, for public services in India. (S. & G.)

KREUGER FRAUDS RECALLED

Huge Commitments Of Torsten Kreuger.

JUDGMENT ON TWO BONDS POSTPONED

Stockholm, To-day.
The gigantic frauds of the late "Match King," Ivar Kreuger, are recalled by the order made yesterday against his brother, Torsten Kreuger, to pay a sum estimated at £50,000 to the estates of the Kreuger-Toll and Ivar Kreuger. He has also been ordered to hand over a Greek bond valued at £80,000.
Judgment has been postponed in respect of two more bonds valued at nearly £200,000.
Torsten, who was sentenced to one year's hard labour in December, has also to pay £75,000 to the stockholders of one of his concerns. — Reuter.

AVIATION STOCK PROSPECTS.

"Immediate Outlook Clouded In U.S."

STOCK TRENDS SHOULD SOAR

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL.
(By Telegraph, Copyright, Telegraphic Messages Ordinance, 1894, Received March 7, 10.40 a.m.)
New York, To-day.
The prominent United States economist and statistician, Mr. Roger Ward Babson, recommends holders of aviation stocks to take advantage of the rallies to lighten their holding.
The long view is essentially sound, but the immediate outlook is clouded, he asserts. Generally, stock trends should go upward. — United Press, per S.C. Gold Bar Co.

TRADE RELATIONS IN BATAVIA.

Dutch East Indies And British India.

London, To-day.
A telegram received here from Amsterdam, yesterday, states that it is learned from Batavia that important negotiations have been started for the purpose of securing an extension of the commercial relations between the Dutch East Indies and British India.
It is considered probable here that an exchange of Indian goods against Dutch East Indies goods is contemplated. — Reuter.

U.S. URGE TO CREATE A FAR EAST MARKET

Priest Advocates Silver Remonetisation.

"WE NEED TO MAKE SILVER THE BASIC MONEY"

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL.
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Washington, To-day.
Testifying before the House of Representatives Banking and Coinage Committee, Father Coughlin, the noted Detroit priest, urged silver remonetisation especially to create a market in the Orient, due to the European market for American agricultural and industrial surpluses having "gone for ever."
He urged the passage of the Goldborough Bill, amended to provide broad remonetisation.
"We need to make silver the basic money," he asserted. — United Press per S.C. Gold Bar Co.

GOLD PRICE RISE RUMOURED

Committee For Nation Demand Increase.

OFFICIALS NON-COMMITTAL

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL.
(By Telegraph, Copyright, Telegraphic Messages Ordinance, 1894, Received March 6, 4.21 p.m.)

Washington, To-day.
The rumours of a rise in the United States gold price are believed to be based on the report that the Committee for the Nation is demanding an increase.
It is recalled that the Committee advocated other developments which materialised.
The rumours are also based on the three-tenths per cent. decline in last week's Governmental commodity price index.

The gold stocks increase is considered to reflect this and other supposed trends. Officials are non-committal.

Official observers, not connected with the gold programme, have privately professed their uncertainty and inability to forecast. — United Press, per S.C. Gold Bar Co.

MINERS CAUTIOUS IN AMERICA.

Better Grade Metals Untouched.

GOLD AND SILVER SECURITY

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL.
(By Telegraph, Copyright, Telegraphic Messages Ordinance, 1894, Received March 7, 8.18 a.m.)

Kansas City, To-day.
Mr. Charles A. Chase, an official of the shenandoah, Dives Mining Company of Colorado, yesterday stated that the new American gold policy was not resulting in extensive mining activities.
He explained that mining companies were disposing of low grade ore profitably, but were leaving better grade metal in the ground as security for the future.
The same policy was being applied to silver, despite the fact that the price had more than doubled in the last few months, he said. — United Press, per S.C. Gold Bar Co.

NO PORTION OF EMPIRE TO SUBSTITUTE WAR DEBTS

Premier Grants Assurance In House Of Commons

London, To-day.
When asked in the House of Commons yesterday for an assurance that the Government would not agree to a settlement of the war debts, as between Britain and the United States, by ceding any portion of the British Empire, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, the Prime Minister, replied that it was self-evident that there could be no circumstances be any question of such an arrangement. — British Wireless Service.

MOTOR-CAR INDUSTRIALISTS FACE CRISIS

30,000 Workers Threaten To Strike.

DEMAND 20 PER-CENT WAGE INCREASE & SHORTER HOURS

New York, To-day.
The threat of a strike by over 30,000 workers, overhauling the motor-car and motor-body building factories at Detroit and Cleveland last night.
Meanwhile, the National Labour Board at Washington is working anxiously to avert, by Federal arbitration, the strike, which will be the most important in the motor-car industry.
The workers at the Buick, Hudson, and Fisher body-building factories, are threatening to throw down their tools, demanding a 20 per cent. increase in wages and a 40-hour maximum week, in recognition of Union rights. — Reuter.

AMENDMENT TO NAVAL BILL.

10 Per Cent. Limit On Construction Profits.

102 WARSHIPS AND 1,184 PLANES

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(By Telegraph, Copyright, Telegraphic Messages Ordinance, 1894, Received March 7, 10.01 a.m.)

Washington, To-day.
The United States Senate has passed the Vinson-Trammell Naval Bill by 65 votes to 18. The Bill now goes to the House of Representatives, for concurrence on the Senate amendment limiting warship construction profits to 10 per cent. to eliminate profiteering.
The Bill carries no specific appropriation, but it is estimated that it will involve from U.S.\$585,000,000 to more than U.S.\$1,000,000,000 over seven years.
It authorises 102 warships and 1,184 planes.
Senator Nye attacked the measure as "A Bill for the relief of munitions makers." — United Press, per S.C. Gold Bar Co.

"Blustering, Bullying Navy Bill for Relief of Munitions Makers"

Washington, To-day.
While Great Britain's naval programme is little criticised here, the official view being that Britain is within her treaty rights, America's own new \$184,000,000 Naval Expansion Bill, providing for the building of six cruisers, 30 submarines, 35 destroyers and one aircraft-carrier in 45 years, was described by the Republican Senator Nye, in the United States Senate, yesterday, as "blustering, bullying Bill for the relief of munitions makers."

INUNDATION OF TOWNS

3 CHILDREN DROWNED IN CONNECTICUT

Ice Jams Dynamited To Ease Situation.

HUDSON RIVER THREAT

New York, To-day.

Wide-spread floods are threatened throughout America, as the result of the Spring-like weather after the recent severe blizzards.

Swollen rivers in New England are inundating towns and farms, forcing the evacuation of many people in riverside dwellings.

Three children were drowned in the floods of the Connecticut River, where workmen are dynamiting ice-jams to ease the situation.

Scores of communities in New York State are threatened with submergence.
The Hudson River is rising at a rate of a foot per hour, while the Allegheny River in Pennsylvania, is sweeping away bridges and houses. — Reuter.

INTERNAL REVENUE IN AMERICA.

Highest Collections For Twelve Years.

THREE REASONS FOR INCREASE

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Washington, To-day.
The Treasury Department announced that the miscellaneous internal revenue collections, so far, for the present fiscal year, are U.S.\$1,004,555,738, the highest for 12 years, and compared with U.S.\$536,216,898 at the corresponding date of last year.

The increase is due to repeal taxes, special levies on other products and increased business. — United Press, per S.C. Gold Bar Co.

Prince Flies In Rainstorm.

London, To-day.
H.R.H. the Prince of Wales yesterday flew, in rainy weather, from London to Caterham and back, to make his annual inspection of the Welsh Guards, of which Regiment he is Colonel. — British Wireless Service.

N.R.A. PLAN TO INCREASE EMPLOYMENT

Satisfactory Survey Reported.

PROSPECT OF MILLION NEW WORKERS

New York, To-day.

The re-employment of at least 1,000,000 more workers in private industry is the minimum of the immediate goal, is the opinion of the National Recovery Administration, General Hugh Johnson.

He believes that out of 800 industries surveyed 30 per cent. are able and probably willing to further reduce working hours without reducing wages, and that the reduction will be sufficient to absorb 1,000,000 new workers.

The Labour Committee of the House of Representatives, has unanimously voted for a flat 30-hour week in all N.R.A. industries, subject to modification in the case of labour shortage and emergencies. — Reuter.

30-HOUR WEEK U.S. Bill Valuable Threat To Industry.

NOT EXPECTED TO PASS

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Washington, To-day.
The House of Representatives Labour Committee has unanimously, favourably reported on the Connery Bill, providing a compulsory universal 30-hour week.

Observers have scouted the chances that the Bill will pass, but it is believed to be a valuable threat to make industry reduce hours and increase wages under the Codes. — United Press, per S.C. Gold Bar Co.

RECOVERY FORCES IN AMERICA.

Sufficiently Potent To Succeed.

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New York, To-day.
The "Brooklyn" trade forecast continues to believe that the forces for recovery in America are sufficiently potent to overcome the adverse influences, such as the depression due to the Dutch East Indies and Japan's difficulties. — United Press, per S.C. Gold Bar Co.

DRASTIC MEASURES AGAINST PLAGUE IN LOBITO REGION

Prince George Due To Embark There In April

Brussels, To-day.

Drastic measures are being taken to prevent the spread of plague in the region of Lobito, where Prince George is due to embark homeward, in April, at the conclusion of his South African tour.

Natives are being vaccinated and the roads into Lobito are under supervision. — Reuter.

IMPETUS TO U.S. RECOVERY PROGRAMME

Huge Disbursement By R.F.C.

PREFERRED STOCK PURCHASES AND LOANS TO BANKS

Washington, To-day.

The Chairman of the Reconstruction Finance Mr. Jesse Jones, has announced that the Corporation is prepared to disburse, within two months, U.S.\$777,000,000 in preferred stock purchases and loans to banks for the purpose of affording an impetus to the recovery programme.

The R.F.C. has authorised preferred stock purchases totalling U.S.\$1,019,000,000, but the actual disbursement so far is U.S.\$477,000,000.

The Corporation has likewise authorised loans totalling U.S.\$685,000,000 of which U.S.\$450,000,000 has been paid out. — Reuter.

MOTHER-IN-LAW SENTENCED.

Dr. Alice Wynkoop Commits Murder.

25 YEARS' IMPRISONMENT.

Chicago, To-day.

Dr. Alice Wynkoop has been found guilty of the murder of her daughter-in-law, Rheta, and has been sentenced to 25 years' imprisonment.
The trial, popularly known as the "surgey" murder trial, created wide interest. — Reuter.

JURY AWAY 30 MIN.

The jury deliberated for only 30 minutes.
The accused woman received the verdict, quietly seated in a wheelchair. — Reuter.

H.M.S. ROBIN LAUNCHED CEREMONY AT TAIKOO THIS MORNING

Fifth Gunboat Docks Have Erected.

FOR WEST RIVER NEXT MONTH

Built by Messrs. Yarrow and Company, Ltd., of Scotland, and erected at the Taikee Dockyards, H. M. S. Robin, the new British gunboat for service in the West River, was officially launched at Taikee Docks of noon to-day.

The Rev. E. C. H. Tritbeck read the prayer, and Mrs. Elliott, wife of Commander Frank Elliott, O.B.E., christened the vessel, which then slowly slid down the slipway to the accompaniment of strains and fire-works.

A very large gathering witnessed the ceremony, including Commander Elliott, Mr. E. J. Gault, Manager of the Taikee Dockyard, Messrs. Gault, Captain and Mrs. A. H. G. Hanson, Captain and Mrs. W. G. Beam, Commander and Mrs. G. H. Heath-Cockwell, Esq., Comdr. P. H. McCarty, Esq., Comdr. E. P. Bailey-Jones, Esq., H. L. S. Baker, Esq., Lt. J. Campbell, Captain F. R. L. Mearns, A.D.C. to H.E. Major-General O. C. Barrett, Esq., and Mrs. Barrett, Mr. E. S. Bond, Mr. J. White, representatives of Messrs. Yarrow and Co., Ltd., and Mr. W. E. Latham.

FIFTH GUNBOAT AT TAIKOO

Mr. Greig, in the course of a short speech at the reception held after the ceremony, said that, although the vessel was not exactly new, it was nevertheless very gracefully launched, and it was very kind of Mrs. Elliott to christen the vessel.

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BOMB THREAT TO CHAMBER.

Amazing Revelation At Paris Inquiry.

ANONYMOUS WARNING GIVEN

Paris, To-day.
The revelation that an unnamed airman planned to bomb the Chamber of Deputies during the recent disturbance, was made by M. Thome, a former Director of the Surete Generale, before the Riots Inquiry Commission, yesterday.
He said that as a consequence of an anonymous warning, he telephoned the Air Minister M. Pierre Cot, to forbid aeroplanes to leave military aerodromes.
He added that inquiries into the matter had proved fruitless. — Reuter.

LEVELLING TAX BURDEN.

U.S. Treasury Secretary Favours New Bill

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Washington, To-day.
The Treasury Secretary, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, yesterday told the Senate Finance Committee that he approved the pending Bill providing U.S.\$250,000,000 additional revenue, primarily by levying the loop-hole in the income tax law.
He said that it would provide a more equitable distribution of the tax burden over those who were best able to sustain it. — United Press, per S.C. Gold Bar Co.



The WOMAN'S Page



Paris Goes Crazy Over New Curls

Masses Worn Close To The Head

HAIR BRUSHED THROUGH SPLIT BONNETS

Women in Paris seem to have gone crazy over close-to-the-head curls, lately.

To a great extent the new coiffures have been influenced by the new bonnet hats, so that it is the woman with the small, well-shaped head who looks her best in them. Actually, these locks are in adaptation of the Greek curl, but softer and looser, and much more easily kept in order. Skillfully placed invisible hairpins will prevent them from running riot.

The effect of these new curls can be made especially charming if the hair is parted in the centre, for the curls on each side can be multiplied until, practically, the whole front of the head is covered.

With a bonnet split into a separate band across the top of the front, the soft hair can be brushed carefully through it, giving a double halo effect. Or this coiffure can be worn with a side parting, in which case the locks curl forward instead of back, being massed on one side of the head.

Then there is another school of thought which insists that the curls should be placed at the top of the back of the head, the hair beneath being cut short.

Slender Neck Effect
The effect of this, of course, is to make the neck look delightfully slender, for the nape is kept quite clear. It is a return to the style of Mme. Recamier, seen in the famous portrait of that beauty of a century ago.

Sometimes these little curls will be brought up like a crown, covering the back of the head and kept in place by an ornament. This, again, is a reaction to the sudden popularity of the diadem, which demands a more elaborate style of hairdressing.

And even long hair can be brought into line, for some of the Paris hairdressers are inventing new coiffures for their clients who still refuse to have their hair cut off. They are twisting it up in long plaits over the head in a manner which accentuates a well-shaped neck and gives a glimpse of a pretty ear.

A Smart Head
Here are the rules to follow if you want a smart head according to the latest dictates of fashion in Paris:

Curl the ends of your hair only; the rest should be sleek.

Brush the curls through your bonnet.

Keep your curls flat but loose.

Trim your bonnet with feathers in a shade which accentuates the colour of your hair.

Introducing Floral Coiffure



A new vogue, taken from an old-fashioned hairdress, is displayed by Anna Sten, Russian girl who attained stardom in Hollywood. The coiffure consists of an elaborate arrangement of curls banded with a wreath of hibiscus blooms. The same type of flower on the shoulder strap adds to the charming effect.

HATS THAT NEED PERFECT HAIR

Setting Your Waves At Home.

THE USE OF HAIR-CLIPS

The latest hats are attractive, but they make demands on their wearers! It is absolutely essential that hair should be beyond reproach.

No busy woman can spend very much time visiting her hairdresser, and the best plan is to go to an expert regularly—once a fortnight or every three weeks, as convenience suggests—and make a practice of really careful home-setting in-between-whiles.

It is wise to tackle this setting every other morning. The hair should be damp and sprinkled with a good setting lotion, and then combed out. The waves should then be "pinched up" into the desired position, and each one fixed with a grip. In this respect the Lady Jane Wave Clip—either straight or curved—is very useful. This clip has little metal teeth which do succeed in holding the hair in place and pressing the wave automatically in the right direction.

If the clips are put into the hair, say, before going into the bath, little time need be wasted, for the half hour expended on bathing and exercises should be quite long enough to obtain a successful set.

ONE-PIECE DRESSES IN WOOL

One-piece dresses in fine wool and instant length also are worn a lot this season, and they have long fitted sleeves and the true mermaid silhouette from shoulders to hem.

Women wear them with short jackets and fur capes, or with short fur wraps.

IDEAS ABOUT FURS.

How To Preserve Fluffiness.

A fur coat presents a bedraggled appearance if caught in the rain, but do not attempt to dry the coat close to a fire. This will damage the skin. Shake thoroughly, rub with a dry cloth, hang in a warm, dry room or cupboard. When quite dry shake and brush thoroughly.

Each time you remove your fur stole or necklet, shake freely while holding the head, and brush before putting it away. Furs will keep fluffy longer if this is done.

If you have not a special fur comb, brush frequently with a fine wire brush. This is specially necessary with the finer type of fur that becomes matted quickly.

To preserve the fluffiness of the coarser types of furs, beat them gently with a pliant cane after each use.

To freshen furs that have been stored away, hang in the open air on a cold day. Shake or beat lightly at intervals.



Menu Suggestions For To-morrow

TIFFIN
Minced Veal and Macaroni
Roast Chicken
Bacon Curls
Riced Potatoes
Black Cap Pudding
Wine Sauce

DINNER
Soupe aux Navets
Fried Pomfrit
Sauce Tartare
Toulouse Patties
Roast Stuffed Shoulder of Mutton
Roast Potatoes
Braised Onions
Cocoanut Pudding

Minced Veal And Macaroni
1 lb. minced veal, 2 eggs, salt and pepper, 4 oz. of minced ham, 4 oz. of breadcrumbs, 6 oz. of macaroni, ½ gill of stock, the grated peel of ½ a lemon. Put the veal and ham through a mincer and mix them with the breadcrumbs and lemon peel. Bind with the stock and the well-beaten eggs, season to taste. Boil the macaroni in salted water and drain. Grease a mould or basin well and line it with the macaroni. Chop any macaroni left over finely and add to the veal. Put the mixture into the prepared mould, cover with grease-paper and steam for ¾ to 1 hour over a saucepan of boiling water. Turn out the veal on to a hot dish and pour round tomato or brown sauce. Garnish with croustons or cooked turnip.

Black Cap Pudding
3 tablespoonfuls currants, ½ lb. flour, 2 eggs, 1 pint milk. Sieve the flour into a basin with a pinch of salt. Drop the eggs into the middle and stir into the flour. Add the milk, stir again and leave for half an hour. Butter a basin or mould and line with the currants. Add the batter carefully so as not to disturb the currants. Tie down and steam for an hour. Turn out a hot dish when the currants form a cap. Serve with a sweet sauce.

Braised Onions.
4 large onions, 4 lumps of sugar, salt and pepper, 4 oz. of butter, margarine or good dripping. Melt the sugar and fat in a pan or casserole, skin the onions and put into it. Cover the pan and simmer the onions very gently either over low heat or in a moderate oven for about 2 hours or longer. Shake the onions, and turn them once or twice. The fat and sugar should make a sort of brown sauce, which should glaze the onions. When they are quite soft skim the fat from the sauce, and lift the onions, out on to a hot dish, season the sauce and pour it over and round the onions.

Cocoanut Pudding
3 eggs, 4 oz. butter or margarine, ½ a nutmeg, ½ lb. of desiccated cocoanut, ½ teaspoonful of lemon

essence. 6 oz. of short crust or rough puff pastry, 4 oz. of sugar. Line a pie dish with the pastry, decorate the edges with little rings of pastry. Beat up the sugar and butter to a cream, add the eggs one by one, beating them in well. Add the lemon essence, nutmeg and the desiccated cocoanut. If the mixture is too dry, add a very little milk. Put the mixture into a greased pie dish and bake in a fairly hot oven for about ¾ an hour, or until the pudding is set and the pastry is cooked. Serve hot or cold.

Soupe Aux Navets
3 pints of white stock, 6 imported turnips (yellow) medium size, 1 tablespoonful of cornflour, 1 bunch of sweet herbs, ½ pint of milk, pepper and salt, 1 onion, 1 blade of mace, 1 oz. of butter. Put the stock, onion, mace and sweet herbs into a pan, cover it and simmer gently for ½ an hour. Strain and cool, then take off all the fat and pour the liquor from the sediment. Put into a stew pan with the turnips, peeled and cut into small dice, and let it simmer for nearly half an hour seasoning it with salt and pepper. Before serving blend the flour with the milk and add. Whisk in the butter bit by bit. Stir until the soup boils, simmer for five minutes then serve. This should be as thick as rich cream.

Toulouse Patties
Puff pastry cases, ¼ pint of Veloute sauce, 4 chicken livers, salt and pepper, 3 or 4 dried mushrooms (previously soaked in boiling water). Cayenne. Wash and trim the livers. Chop the mushrooms and cook them with the livers in a little butter. Drain, chop the livers finely and add them to the Veloute sauce, with the mushrooms. Make hot, season well and fill into the patty cases.



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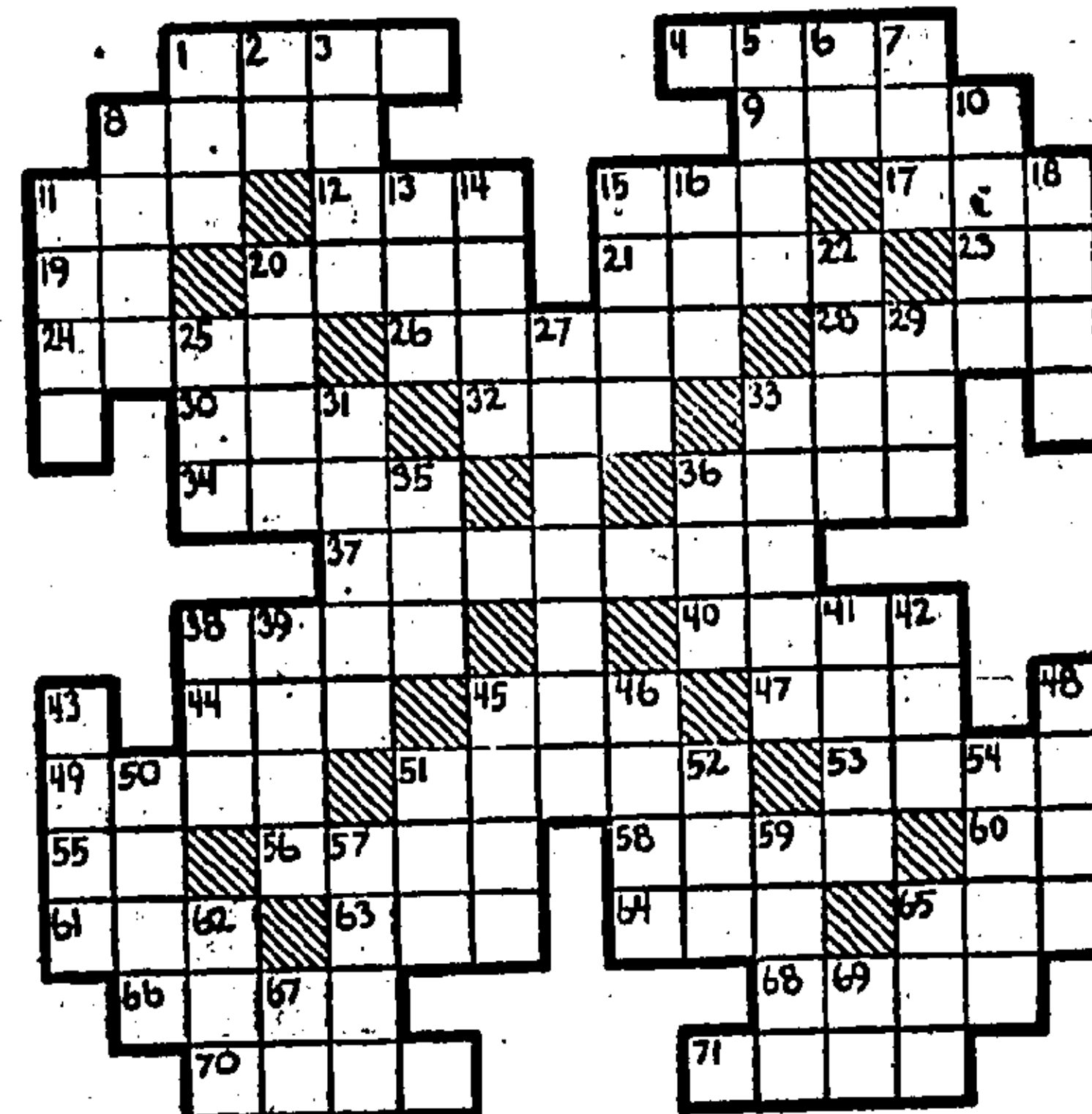
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plus, and altho.



HORIZONTAL

- 1-Plaint
- 2-To shed tears
- 3-Solitary
- 4-Greek god of war
- 11-American poet
- 12-At present
- 15-Swiss river
- 17-Marry
- 19-Conjunction
- 20-Agitate
- 21-Shackle
- 22-A negative
- 24-Tone
- 25-Tardier
- 28-Consumes
- 30-Organ of hearing
- 32-Strike gently
- 33-Man's name
- 34-Large plant
- 35-Tavern
- 37-Temper
- 39-Felines
- 40-Bird home
- 41-Farm animal
- 42-Part of the body
- 47-Blind
- 49-Gaunt
- 51-Girl's name
- 53-Want
- 55-Printer's measure
- 56-Wither

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 58-Plunder (slang)
- 60-You and I
- 61-Put on
- 62-Said to a horse
- 64-Half a score
- 66-A fowl
- 68-Ballad
- 69-Close
- 70-Recline
- 71-Part of a ship

VERTICAL

- 1-Sorrow
- 2-Indefinite article
- 3-An outlet of any kind
- 5-Gain
- 6-Comparative suffix
- 7-Seat in a church
- 8-Learning
- 10-Dispatched
- 11-Harbor
- 13-Grass
- 14-Infold
- 15-Help
- 16-Atmosphere
- 18-A portion of medicine
- 20-Heavenly body

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 22-A college official
- 25-Lace fabric
- 27-Turks
- 29-Answer (abbr.)
- 31-Reclines
- 33-Insert
- 35-Creek goddess of the dawn
- 36-Tavern
- 38-Food container
- 39-Bessies
- 41-Carol
- 42-Golf mound
- 43-Vehicle on runners
- 45-To the sheltered side
- 46-Rain in very fine drops
- 48-Paradise
- 50-Man's name
- 51-Before
- 52-A female sheep
- 54-A wide-mouthed pitcher
- 57-Inches
- 59-Girl's name
- 62-Likewise not
- 63-Head covering
- 67-Point of compass (abbr.)
- 69-Plural suffix

The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue.

BLOUSES TO HAVE NEW POPULARITY

Elbow-Length Sleeves

Blouses will be very much to the fore as the year advances. Fastest rose, ivory and cream satin, georgette, and crepe de Chine ones are being made to accompany tailored suits.

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By Order of the Board,

D. L. KING,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 26th February, 1934.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FOURTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Registered Offices of the Company, King's Theatre Building, 5th floor, on WEDNESDAY, the 21st day of March, 1934, at 12 o'clock noon to receive the Directors' Report, and Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1933, to elect Auditors, and to transact such other business as may be properly transacted at an Ordinary General Meeting of the Company.

And Notice is further hereby given that the Register and Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 12th to the 21st day of March 1934, both days inclusive.

Hong Kong, 28th Feb., 1934.

LIANG CHI HAO,
Managing Director.

THE HONG KONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SIXTY-FIFTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on TUESDAY, the 27th March 1934, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts, for the year ended the 31st December 1933. The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 18th to the 27th March 1934, both days inclusive.

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SPORT NOTICES.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (Weather Permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 10th March, 1934, commencing at 2.00 p.m.
The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Members are notified that they and their Ladies must wear their Badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

No One without a Badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (Both including Tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of All Chits, &c.

The Secretary's office, 3rd Floor, Gloucester Building, (Tel. 27794), will close at 12 o'clock Noon.
Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Course.

No No Pretext will Children be permitted in either Enclosure during the Meeting.
Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered from the No. 1 Boy in advance. Telephone 21920.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.
The Price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

Bookmakers, Tie Men, &c., will not be permitted to operate within the Precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 5th March, 1934.

GENERAL NOTICES.

REMOVAL NOTICE.

FROM 1st March, 1934, our Office will be situated at NATIONAL BANK BUILDING (corner of Des Voeux Road central and Ice House Street) 1st floor.

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D. C. WILSON,

Manager,
Hong Kong, 1st March, 1934.

BRIDGE NOTES

The Slam Double Convention.

This convention originated in 1930 by Culbertson's favourite partner, Mr. Theodore Lightner, and is as follows:

If a player who is not on lead, doubles a slam contract (either small or grand), he tells his partner that he can defeat the contract if a different lead is made from that which would otherwise normally be expected.

This would mean that if either partner had bid a suit, this should not be opened, but some other lead would set the contract. If neither partner had bid, the double would indicate that a lead of one of the suits bid by opponents was desired. The great value of this bid has actually been demonstrated over a period of years, mostly by observing the many hands where its employment would have defeated the contracts than from its actual result in play, as only very few people have known this convention.

Example:

North:—

S—K 10 9 6 2

H—Q 7 6 5

D—A Q

C—A Q

East:—

S—A Q

H—9 3 2

D—10 5 4 3

C—10 5 4 3

South:—

S—J 7

H—A K J

D—K J 9 2

C—K J 9 2

West:—

S—8 5 4 3

H—10 8 4

D—8 7 6

C—8 7 6

The bidding:

North East South West

1 Spade No bid 3 NT No bid

4 NT No bid 6 NT No bid

No bid ?

If East now passes West will have to guess, and as a lead from four small of opponent's bid suit is about the worst that can be imagined, the slam contract will almost surely be fulfilled. But if East should double! This tells West that the contract can be defeated if he does not make a normal opening. As any opening other than opponents' suit may be West's normal lead, the double here advises West that a spade lead will defeat the hand. If East held Ace, King of another suit he could only pass and pray that his partner would guess the right opening.

The following hand in the recent International Match induced Mr. Culbertson to definitely adopt this convention as part of the system:

North:—

S—3

H—K Q J 9

H—Q J 4 3

C—K 8 7 2

East:—

S—9 8 5

H—A 10 8 7 6 5

D—A 7 2

C—

South:—

S—A K Q 10 7 6 4 2

H—

D—6

C—A Q 10 4

West:—

S—J

H—4 3

D—K 10 9 8 5

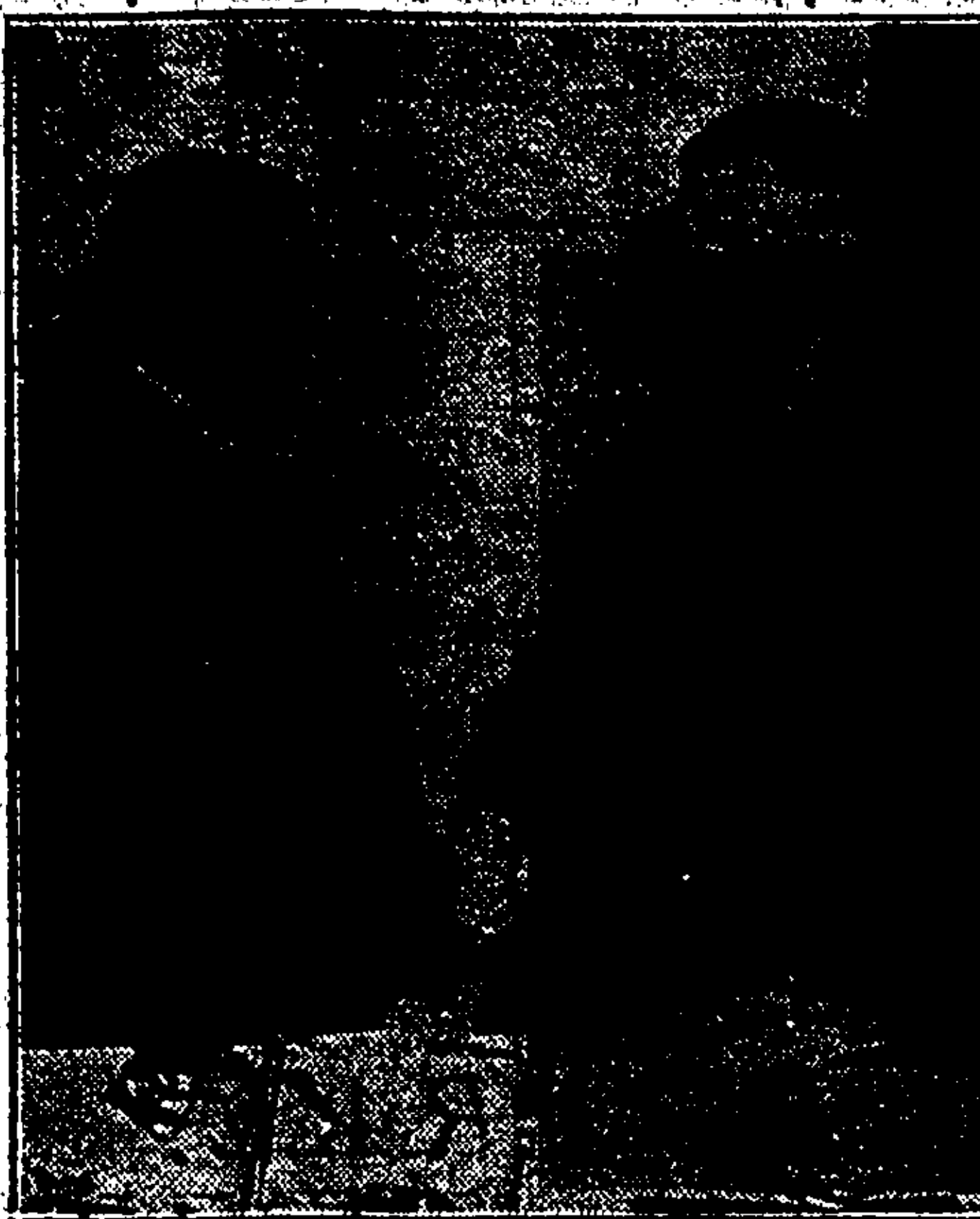
C—J 9 6 5 3

East opened third hand with a heart bid, and North-South at both tables arrived at a contract of six spades, which was fulfilled at both.

By using the double-slam convention, East would double, asking partner to guess between a club and a diamond but not to lead a heart. Of course, West might guess a diamond as easily as a club, but a fifty-fifty chance of breaking a slam is surely better than no chance at all.

"A minor who is engaged in sinking small shafts in the old dump was the first to tell the police that from time to time he had noticed large piles of native clothing or leaving the tunnel. He had counted about 100 native clothes and said that there were as many as 40 natives using the cave as their home."—Reuter.

Soviet Envoy Calls on N. Y. Mayor



Alexander Troyanovsky (right), Russian Ambassador to the United States, is greeted by Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia as he called at the City Hall to pay his respects during a visit to New York City.

43 NATIVES LIVING IN MINE DUMP

Strange Discovery In Transvaal.

ROBBERY REVEALS HIDE-OUT

Johannesburg (Transvaal). A huge cave leading into the heart of the Old Robinson Mine dump where no fewer than 43 natives were living has been discovered by the police. The dramatic discovery followed an investigation by the police into an attack at night on an elderly European woman on her way home. She was robbed of her handbag.

A detective, accompanied by a uniformed policeman, went to investigate the affair. The detective saw in the rain-soaked earth a tell-tale spoor and followed it through the mud of a spruit, across the main reef road and up the slopes of the old Robinson Mine dump.

The two officers climbed fully 150 feet before the spoor suddenly disappeared into the ground. A torchlight examination revealed the narrow brick-lined entrance to a tunnel.

The detective sent down and shouted down the tunnel. Three natives came out. Ninety minutes later the police again visited the tunnel and shouted down it. Another four natives wormed their way out. They were placed in the cells at the Johannesburg police station.

Later an augmented detective force scrambled down into the tunnel and made their way. With the thin light of torches guiding them, along the tunnel. After running straight and horizontally for about 50 feet, the passage forked right and left. Each branch was about 50 feet in length.

Small Compartment Found

Halfway along its length there was a sudden break in the brick-lined wall and the detectives found a small compartment, also brick-lined, about six feet square. The floor was of concrete. At the end of each branch of the tunnel was a second compartment of about the same size.

The heat was almost overwhelming and the detectives were astonished to find evidence on all sides that the native inhabitants of this cave had been in the habit of cooking their food on fires in the tunnel.

Large quantities of clothing, blankets and ground sheets were found along the tunnel and inside the compartments or rooms. Sufficient evidence that a large number of natives had made the cave their home.

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HOW THE CENSORS ARE PACIFIED

Three Versions Made Of Love Scene

Hollywood.

The censor's opinion means a lot to Hollywood. For this picture—"Hold Your Man"—it meant that three versions had to be made of one scene.

The scene shows Jean Harlow visiting Clark Gable's flat. Here are the three versions:—

For general American release—Jean is shown wearing only a man's coat and reclining negligently on Clark's couch.

For Ohio and Pennsylvania release—Jean is shown wearing a rather more discreet dressing-gown and sitting on the couch.

For British release—Jean is wearing what is obviously her own dressing-gown and is sitting modestly in a chair.—Reuter.

RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The following programme will be broadcasted to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. 88.5 wave length of 335 metres (845 K.C.T.).

1.15 p.m.—European programme.

1.30 p.m.—Local Time and Weather Report.

1.45 p.m.—Recorded music.

1.55 p.m.—Relay of the Hong Kong Hotel Orchestra from the Hong Kong Hotel Grand Ball Room.

2.30 p.m.—Bagby Press News, etc.

2.45 p.m.—Close Down.

Relay from the Soldiers and Sailors Home.

4.30-7.30 p.m.—Chinese programme.

8.45 p.m.—Children's Studio Concert.

7.50-10.30 p.m.—European programme.

7.55-7.45 p.m.—Concert Waltzes.

Invitation to the Waltz (Weber).

On 65.

Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Leopold Stokowski.

Blue Danube Waltz (Strauss).

Tales from the Vienna Woods (Strauss).

Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Leopold Stokowski.

7.45-8.30 p.m.—Selections by Albert Sandler & His Orchestra and the B.B.C. Wireless Singers.

8 p.m.—(Local Time and Weather Report).

Orchestral—Love, Here is My Heart (Silvers).

Casino Dances (Gungl).

Vocal—

(a) Vive la Compagnie (b) When Johnny Comes Marching Home.

There is a Tavern in the Town (Traditional).

Orchestral—Glimpse of the Moon (Berganoff).

Shiraz Songs at Eventide (Eric Coates).

Vocal—

It Was a Lover and His Lass (Shakespeare & Morley).

(a) Where the Bee Sucks (Shakespeare & Morley).

(b) Come Let us Join the Roundelay (Wm. Beale).

Orchestral—A Little Love, A Little Kiss (Silvers).

Because (d'Hardest).

8.30-9 p.m.—A relay from the Sailors' & Soldiers' Home of the Recital of Kipling's Poems by Sir Henry Pollock, Kt., K.C. Commodore Frank Elliott, O.B.E., R.N. will give a short introductory speech. By courtesy of the Committee.

9 p.m.—Musical Company and Light Opera.

The Dumbay—Selection.

New Light Symphony Orchestra, Dukes of Danzig—Vocal Gems (Caryll).

Light Opera Company.

The Desert Song—Selection (Bombard).

Savoy Orpheans.

Chu Chin Chow—Vocal Gems.

DIVED INTO RAGING RIVER

Two Americans Saved By Hostel Keeper.

FLOOD SWEEPS CAMP

Burban (Natal).

A raging river sweeping down suddenly at night submerged a party of campers at the National Park. They were surrounded by several feet of flood water, and in the hurried scramble to reach dry land all their belongings were lost. Nobody was injured.

The party included Mrs. and Miss Chamberlain, relatives of Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the British Chancellor of the Exchequer, who are just concluding a tour of South Africa. Fortunately the camping site was not far from the National Park Hostel, and the party reached it drenched but safe.

The sudden rising of the river was due to a cloudburst at the Mont and Sources. As a result of the flood the National Hostel was temporarily unapproachable by road.

During the height of the flood two American visitors, Dr. Page and Mr. Henderson, and two natives were swept from a temporary footbridge, which had been erected across the Tugela drift.

Mr. Otto Zuckel, who had erected the temporary bridge, to enable visitors who were isolated at the hostel to leave it, plunged into the flooded waters fully clothed, and succeeded in bringing both Mr. Henderson and Dr. Page to the bank. The natives were also rescued.—Reuter.

(Norton).

Light Opera Company.

Rose Marie—Selection (Prim).

New Mayfair Orchestra.

9.45-10.30 p.m.—A relay of the Hong Kong Hotel Grand Ball Room from the Hong Kong Hotel Grand Ball Room.

10.30 p.m.—Bagby Press News.

10.35 p.m.—Close Down.

All relays of the Hong Kong Hotel Orchestra are by courtesy of the Management and during the intervals recorded music will be broadcast from the Studio.



Sporting Page

BORDERERS FAVOURED

VITAL GAME AGAINST THE ST. JOSEPH'S

Leonard Must Change His Tactics.

INDIVIDUAL EFFORTS USELESS AGAINST STEADY DEFENCE

Saturday's Local Soccer

(By OUTSIDE LEFT).

With memories of last Sunday's defeat at the hands of South China on the same ground St. Joseph's, one time premier soccer league favourites, will clash, for the first time this season, with the Borderers in a vital match on the Caroline Hill ground on Saturday.

The Saints will have to give a much improved display at forward if they are to emerge victorious against last year's runners-up, who, with three games in hand, are only three points in arrears of the Lincolns, the present leaders.

Leader's Weakness

Leonard's neglect of two very capable inside men has been the weak link in the Saints' attack, and in Podmore the centre-forward is likely to meet with more than his match, and should he repeat his former tactics a fast-moving and dangerous forward line will be rendered almost useless against a steady half-back trio and two exceptionally good backs in Mullane and Morrison.

The Borderers are at the top of their form at the moment and I will be surprised if they fall before a team, who have greatly deteriorated in their last few games.

Lincolns Favoured

The Lincolns are still in the process of team-building, following their loss of players by the Neura, but they should prove too good for Kowloon, who have been more heavily handicapped by the departure of their Argyll players.

The leaders have shown the better stamina of the two teams this season, and, provided they can keep Elliott and Blake in check during the first half, they should win by a much larger margin than a goal to nil, the result of their first encounter with the civilians.

Malpas has shown no loss of form after nearly a season's absence and Dudley is proving a very fine substitute for Cork at centre-half.

Police Win Indicated

The Club should repeat their former win over the Gunners, as I understand they will be at full strength, and the Police should encounter little difficulty against the Recro, in spite of the latter team's recent improvement. The Navy, who secured a clear-cut win over the Artillery last Saturday, should enhance their bright championship prospects at the expense of the East Lanes, whose unreliable defence is likely to be over-run by Skinner and the fast-moving Navy forward line.



The following is my forecast of Saturday's matches:

FIRST DIVISION

Artillery (2) v CLUB (4) (Club, 4.30 p.m.)
LINCOLNS (1) v Kowloon (0) (K.P.O., 4.30 p.m.)
St. Joseph's (-) v BORDERERS (-) (Caroline Hill, 4.30 p.m.)
POLICE (5) v Recro (1) (Police, 4.30 p.m.)
E. Lanes (0) v NAVY (3) (Chatham Rd., 4.30 p.m.)

SECOND DIVISION

S. CHINA (4) v Y. Indians (1)

THIRD DIVISION

Radio (0) v F.A.T. (4)
University (0) v R.A.S.C. (0)
BORDERERS (4) v E.L. (0)
F.A.T. is the present holder of the previous season's title.

LEN HARVEY (Cornwall), British cruiser-weight and heavy-weight champion, beat Larry Gains (Canada), the coloured holder of the Empire heavy-weight title, on points in a 15 rounds title fight at the Royal Albert Hall, London, before an enormous crowd. This was the third title that Harvey won within twelve months. Harvey (right) stops a blow from Gains' left. —(S. & G.).

LEE WAI TONG IN COLONY.

China's Outstanding Footballer.

MAY TRAVEL NORTH

Lee Wai Tong, China's best footballer, arrived in the Colony to-day after being in Batavia for some considerable period.

A member of China's Olympic team in 1923 and 1925 and one of the touring party to Australia in 1923, Lee is uncertain regarding his movements. He may stay in Hong Kong or may go to Shanghai and return to the Colony later in the year.

Lee was seen at his best in the 1925 season, and will be remembered as the man who made Ip Pak Wa as a left-winger—Lee was the inside-left.

SOUTH CHINA SELECT TEAM FOR SATURDAY

Game Against The Young Indians

The following will represent South China in their Second Division game against the Young Indians at Caroline Hill on Saturday at 3 p.m.

Wong Wa kui; Chung Chi-ying, Yu Hing-yuen; Lam Tak-po, Yau Wah-ting, George Young; Kam Sik-wai, Leung Tai-wing, Lai Sui-wing, Chow Kwai-kong, and Ng Po-kui.

CANTON SOCCERITES MAKING VISIT

Play South China On Tuesday

Football enthusiasts should witness a very even encounter next Tuesday when the Canton Air Force will meet South China at Caroline Hill, at 4 p.m.

A strong local team will be selected to oppose the Canton visitors, who are reputed to be exceptionally strong.

CLUB "A" PLAYING CUMBERLAND

To-day's Rugby Game

Beating the Cornwall by a decisive margin last week the Club "A" will meet the Cumberland in to-day's Rugby encounter at the Valley, commencing at 5 p.m.

The following is the Club team: K. Noble; A. D. Lawson; B. C. Allen; W. E. Peters; A. H. Harbord; I. Hutchison; H. C. Meeker; C. Austin; R. G. Castleton; R. J. Cherrill; J. T. Edkins; R. Stiller; J. C. Miller; F. J. McGowan and K. A. Munn.

Reserves: W. R. Andrews and D. M. Wheeler.

The Third Annual Athletic Sports of the La Salle College will be held at the College Ground on Saturday, at 2 p.m. H. E. MacValter; W. J. Apostola; G. Brax; and kindly consented to give prizes for the prizes.

S. CHINA STILL UNCERTAIN

Heavy Cost Incurred For Olympiad

MR. CHOW INTERVIEWED

"We have not yet decided whether we are sending teams to the Far Eastern Olympic Games," said Mr. Chow, an official of the South China Amateur Athletic Federation to a China Mail representative yesterday.

"The China National Amateur Athletic Federation in Nanking, have sent out circulars asking each province to send teams to Shanghai from where China's representatives will be selected."

It has already been reported that an appropriation of \$54,000 was voted by the Nanking Executive Yuan to finance Chinese athletes for participation at the Far Eastern Olympic Games to be held in Manila in May.



ARMY MEET CLUB THIS AFTERNOON

Triangular Tourney's Opening Match

ENGLAND TEAM MAY BE SELECTED AFTER GAME

The first match in the 1933-4 Triangular Hockey Tournament will be staged this afternoon at King's Park when the Army meet the Club at 5 p.m.

It is understood that the England team to meet Scotland in the International Tournament will be selected after the game.

The following is the Army team:

Pte. Hollingsworth (Lincolns); Lieut. Metcalfe (R.A.); Lieut. Rosier (Lincolns); L/Cpl. Yeomans (Lincolns); Sergt. Halford (S.W.B.'s A.E.C.) and L/Nk. Alaf Din (Punjabis); Cpl. Barlow (R.A.S.C.); Sepoy Kartar Singh (Punjabis); W. O. Senior (A.E.C.); Lieut. Garthwaite (R.A.); and L/Nk. Lal (Punjabis). Reserves: Lieut. Hoaguard (Lincolns). Referee: Lieut. Jeffers (R. A. S. C.).

The Club will be represented by the following:

C. L. Gregory; A. A. Dand (Capt.); J. J. Rodgers; W. A. Reed; H. J. D. Lowe and E. V. Reed; J. L. Telford; E. E. Foster; G. E. R. Divett; J. E. Noronha and S. C. Archer.

G. SINGH PLAYING FOR SAINTS.

The following will represent St. Andrew's against the selected India Hockey XI on the Marina ground on Friday, at 5 p.m.

R. H. Wong; F. A. Broadbridge; A. E. H. P. White; E. MacNider; A. E. P. Goss; (Capt.) and A. B. Hanson; A. S. Ellis; N. A. E. Mackay; G. B. Goss; (Capt.) and A. B. Whitley and E. F. Fisher.

VINES MAKING \$3,000 A WEEK AT TENNIS

Encounters With Tilden Will Continue Until March 19

Ellsworth Vines' matches, with Tilden, earned him \$3400 in his first week as a lawn tennis professional. His share for the first match was \$1400.

It is estimated that Vines should make between \$10,000 and \$20,000 during his present tour, which ends on Monday, March 19. Nineteen matches in all are to be played. —Reuter.

RACE ENTRIES

Handicaps For The First Extra

SURPRISE AND TINY STAR CARRYING 168 lb.

THE following are the entries and weights for the First Extra Race Meeting of the Hong Kong Jockey Club at the Valley on Saturday:—

The Tylan Handicap "A" Class
One Mile
Chesterfield (163 lb.), Chow Fan (163), Classic Hall (163), Copper Idol (163), Corrie (140), Dancing Butterfly (145), Dore Dore (140), Hell for Leather (153), In Good Time (155), Ironsides (149), King Willow (159), Panama (145), Racing Spirit (161), Red Fox (140), Sarabande (149), Soldier of Fortune (158), Spryrie (163), The Carp (145), Tiny Star (163) and Young Chap (166).
20 entries.

The Tylan Handicap "B" Class
One Mile
Brash Tub (158), Brass Idol (168), Co-shin (158), Full Speed (155), Income Tax (161), Kitap (153), Racing Strain (155), Rolling Bay (161), Scar Face (158), Skiddaw (158), Soldier of Italy (158), The Bodega (158), Tolshan (155), Wapiti (158), Young Companion (158) and Young Hero (155).
18 entries.

The Hong Kong Handicap "A" Class—1 1/2 Miles
Blue Star (140), Brechin (155), Cossack's Beauty (160), Diana Bay (168), Don (155), Glenagles (155), Hetman (154), King's Justice (158), Navy Hall (160), Sacko (163), Brilliant Star (155), Electric Star (163), Gladiator (145), New Star (154), Soldier of Britain (145) and Soldier of China (154).
16 entries.

The Hong Kong Handicap "B" Class—1 1/2 Miles
Bistre (145), Bright Star (150), Daylight Eve (150), Flying Tourist (154), King's Bounty (158), Mike (145), National Day (140), Royal Flush (140), The Tiger (155), Valorant (155), Wakefield (140), Wayward Stag (145), Weybridge (155), Widnes (140), Wonderful Stag (145), Budget (148), King's Worthy (158), Ribble (153), Splaway (151), Sporting Life (149), and William Oiler (145).
21 entries.

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WATER POLO GAME TO-DAY.

S. China Meet League Champions.

The following are the teams for to-day's Water Polo game between the European Y.M.C.A., senior league champions last season, and South China in the Y.M.C.A. bath at 6 p.m.

S.C.A.A.—Kwok Mok-hoi; Wong Suen-man and Wong Lu-man; Chan Kichung; Ho Ping-ke, Kwok Chun-hang and Cheong Wing-kong.
Y.M.C.A.—S. Fowler; Jenkins and E. Fullager; E. W. Ralston; W. T. Campbell, W. Schreuder and D. Sutherland.

THE AMERICA'S CUP CHALLENGER

Endeavour May Have Novel Foresails

RESULT OF EXPERIMENTS

London, March 1.
The Endeavour, which Mr. T. O. M. Sopwith has built to challenge for the America's Cup, is to leave Southampton about the end of July, crossing the Atlantic under a ketch rig.

As a result of experiments by Mr. Sopwith, Charles Nicholson, who may be fitted with foresails of a type never before seen on a racing yacht. —Reuter.

SULLIVAN AGAIN PROVES WEAK LINK

Ricketts Qualifies To Meet Duff.

ANXIOUS MOMENTS AGAINST LEFT-HANDER

W. A. H. Duff and A. L. Sullivan, favoured in some quarters for the title, secured an easy entry into the Third Round of the Colony Lawn Tennis Doubles Championship yesterday when they beat Tam Yoc Fong and Ng Kam Chuen by 6-3, 6-2.

Sullivan was again erratic, and it was from his racket that the Chinese pair secured the majority of their points.

G. R. M. Ricketts succeeded in eliminating Yu Tak Cheuk, but he was given several anxious moments before he overcame the Chinese left-hander to qualify to meet W. A. H. Duff, former Shanghai champion, in the quarter-finals of the Singles Championship.

Capt. P. S. Cannon recorded his second win in as many days when he and H. Owen Hughes beat C. E. Millard, former K. C. C. "A" Division player, and C. Pile, better known as the Police footballer.

Yesterday's results were as follows:—
Open Singles.—G. R. M. Ricketts beat Yu Tak-cheuk 6-3, 6-4.
Open Doubles.—A. L. Sullivan and W. A. H. Duff beat Tam Yoc-fong and Ng Kam-chuen 6-3, 6-2; Capt. P. S. Cannon and H. Owen Hughes beat C. S. Pile and C. E. Millard 6-2, 6-3.

HOARE MAY TROUBLE TSUI

TSUI Wai Pul, one of the leading Chinese challengers, should succeed in reaching the semi-final this afternoon when he meets R. B. G. Hoare, but he may find the Naval player's steadiness a trifle discouraging.

In the other singles match Capt. Cannon should offer a stern challenge to J. W. Leonard, though he would cause a surprise if he won.
I. M. A. Razack and J. A. E. Cassamboy, the Indian R. C. No. 2 ranking pair, should beat Luk Ding Cheong and Lee Wai Tsoi, though both players have not yet revealed their best form.

U.S.R.C. TOURNAY

It is notified that all First Round matches in the United Services Recreation Club tennis tournament must be completed by Sunday, and all Second Round matches by March 18.

TENNIS AS SET-OFF TO DEPRESSION

Mrs. Wills Moody Urges For More Courts.

New York, Feb. 28.

Mrs. Wills Moody has joined a committee, who are urging the building of 100 tennis courts throughout the city of San Francisco, to help the national recovery programme.

"We could use many more courts," Mrs. Moody said. "Those we have now are overcrowded. It would be a fine stimulus to the game to have another one hundred courts." —Reuter.

AUSTRALIA SENDING THEIR CHAMPION

Miss Hartigan For Wimbledon

Melbourne.

The Australian Lawn Tennis Association has contributed \$100 to a fund which has been raised to send Miss Joan Hartigan, who recently won the "Australian" women's singles championship, abroad to compete in the French championships and at Wimbledon.

It is expected that Miss Hartigan will compete in other championships while in England, and Miss Hartigan is the first ranking woman player of Australia, and relies mainly on a forehand drive, which carries great pace. —Reuter.

LEN HARVEY'S WIN

6,000 CROWD ARE DISAPPOINTED

Gains Shows Signs Of Ageing.

TREATS OPPONENT WITH UTMOST RESPECT

London, February 9.

Len Harvey achieved an amazing triumph—the greatest of his career—in beating Larry Gains, a coloured Canadian three stones heavier, at the Albert Hall last night.

By this victory Harvey added to his laurels the title of British Empire heavy-weight champion. He is already light heavy-weight and heavy-weight champion of Great Britain.

There were scenes of wildest joy at the ringside when the result was announced. While Gains stood glumly in his corner Harvey lifted his pretty wife bodily to the ringside and kissed her.

Harvey's manager kissed Mrs. Harvey. The promoter kissed her, and a friend kissed her. And then her husband kissed her again and walked through the hall with his arm around her waist.

The result, however, was no more than a consoling thought to a bored and bitterly disappointed crowd of over 6,000. The fight itself was terribly dull, interesting only to those few who make a close study of tactics and could appreciate the cleverness



Left Harvey In Training

with which Harvey kept a bigger, and far more powerful, man at bay.

IRONICAL CLAPPING

In some rounds one could count on the fingers of one hand the number of clean, point-scoring blows. As early as the fifth round the crowd showed signs of restlessness, and later on there was ironical clapping. Someone blew a police whistle.

The ineptness of Gains was astonishing. One naturally expected that a man with his vast experience and his enormous advantage physically would have set about his task with spirit and confidence.

Gains, however, right from the start treated Harvey as respectfully as a schoolboy facing his master.

He approached gingerly, hesitated, and, before he could make up his mind how to lead, received a stinging left to the face. That, practically, was the fight. It happened scores of times, and upon every occasion Harvey beat him to the punch.

HARVEY'S SECRET

At close quarters Gains battered Harvey at the back of the ribs and on the neck; but Harvey's secret was that during his training he had practised for hours in slipping away quickly. Gains was outwitted.

There were those who thought Gains had won. I fancy Gains himself made the same fatal error. Until the twelfth round, however, there had been so little effective boxing that there could have been nothing in it.

It was then that Harvey displayed his wonder judgment. He suddenly used his reserve of speed and attacked viciously. He punched Gains to the body, hooked him to (Continued on Page 5)

CANZONERI WINS

PETE NEBO AGAIN BEATEN.

POINTS DECISION

Kansas City, March 1.
Tony Canzoneri (New York), the former lightweight champion, took a decision here to-night in 12 rounds from an old rival, Pete Nebo, of Key West, Fla.

When Canzoneri still held the world title, Nebo tried in vain on February 28 of last year at Miami, Fla., to win the crown from him, Canzoneri retaining it by holding the challenger to a draw.

To-night, Tony sealed 135 pounds and Nebo 137.

Since he lost his title last June 28 to Barney Rose of Chicago and tried in vain in September to regain it, Canzoneri has won all his bouts, beating among others Kid Chocolate. He knocked out the Cuban in the second round in New York on 24.

He outpointed Cleo Locatelli of Italy, in 12 rounds in New York on February 2 in his latest bout. —Associated Press.

Nebo has been after three years towards Gallacher (Chicago) would not go; Stevenson (Glasgow Rangers) and Blackman (Q.P.R.) were not allowed to go.

NEW STYLE BOAT RACE

'Varsities Try Out Heavier Strokes

The University Boat Race is a matter of tradition, but both Oxford and Cambridge apparently propose to flout rowing tradition this year.

Oxford led the way by experimenting with A. V. Sutcliffe, who weighs 15st 10½lb., at stroke. Men of his weight have always hitherto been kept in the middle of the boat. Certainly no man so heavy has previously stroked the crew in the race.

Cambridge, however, went one better when their coach abandoned the responsibility of stroking the crew to N. J. Bradley, who turns the scale at 14st 11lb.



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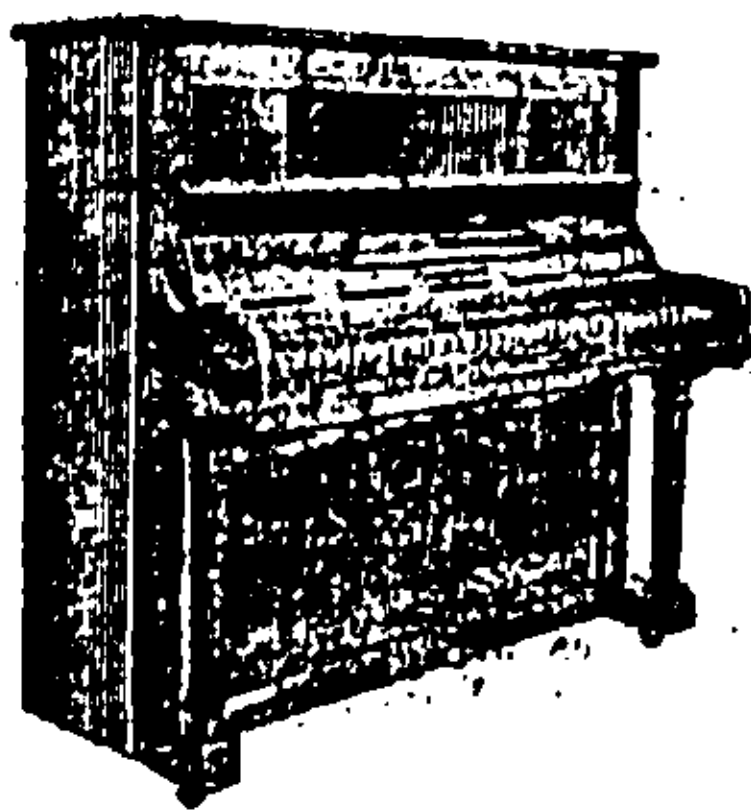
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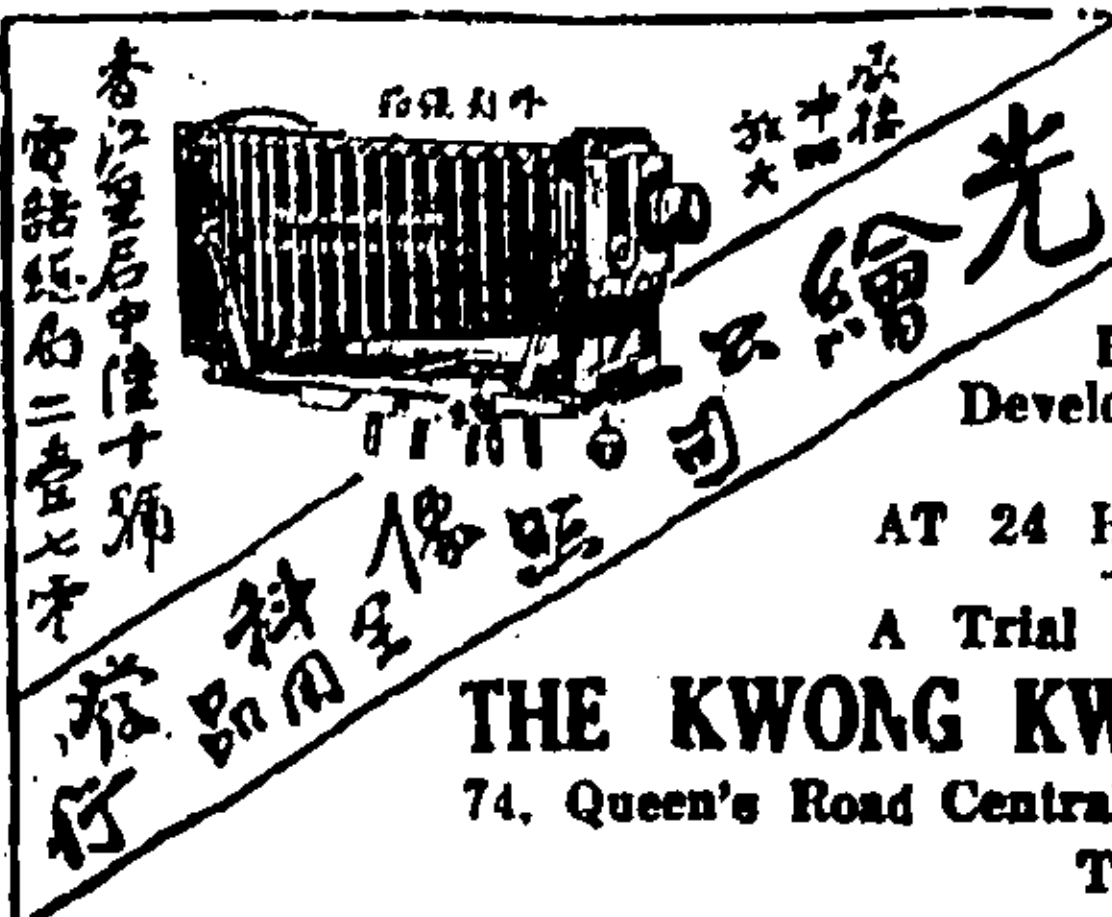


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AMERICAN CHALLENGE IN AIR RACE

Preparations For The Melbourne Cup

SPECIAL SCHOOLS

American airmen are to make a determined bid for victory in the Melbourne centenary air race in October.

Competitors from America will fly, as a team and to that end special schools of instruction have been set up.

The hazards of the route are being studied and ground staffs familiar with American machines will be specially posted at the compulsory checking-in places, Bagdad, Calcutta, Singapore, Port Darwin and Charleville.

Most British pilots are already familiar with the conditions likely to be met with, and have an additional advantage in that the low-wing monoplane type of plane used by the Americans, although very fast, has difficulty in battling through bad weather.

Part of the route, that between Karachi and Rangoon, will be traversed during the monsoon storm season.

The list of probable entrants includes many of the most picturesque figures in aviation.

Among these is Marseinah Nelson, a 19-year-old girl who recently learned to fly, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Mollison, Nevill Stack, Sir Charles Kingsford Smith, C. P. T. Ulm, Mrs. Victor Bruce with one or two male co-pilots, Cathcart Jones and C. W. A. Scott.

Melbourne's centenary will be given its biggest advertisement by the air race, but the inclusion of golf events for a purse of at least £3000, tennis championships "expected to assume Wimbledon status," a world Scout Jamboree, and possibly a series of England-American-Australian polo tests, will add to the pageantry with which the city will entertain its visitors.



RACE ENTRIES

(Continued from Page 4.)

The Moonie Ponds Handicap

Able Amazon (105), Alacrity (102), Bag Tor (104), Bobnik Star (150), Mutiny Ray (145), Princess Angella (150), Racing Heart (157), City of Brisbane (125), Lucy Glitters (138), Night Star (145), Polar Star (145), Portia (140), Ration (135), Rosey Morn (135), Rumpus (135), Teemseh (135), and Woodland Stag (150).

The "Hay and Corn" Stakes—

Five Furlongs.
Bold Commander (155), Corrie (158), Hell for Leather (155), Klasp (158), Red Fox (152), Rolling Bay (161), Sarabande (152), Singing Butterfly (155), Skidaw (158), Soldier of Italy (155), St. Ives (161), Young Hero (155), Bistay (155), Fl-Fa (152), Gay Butterfly (158), Neon Day (158), King Salmon (158), Neon Day (158), Racing Boy (155), Swale (152) and The Panther (152).

The "Lettorers" Stakes—

Seven Furlongs.
Bangkok Hall (151), Beta (161), Bold Marshall (161), Budge (158), Chief Seattle (161), Colombo (161), Ebony Idol (155), Fudge (158), Glad Eyes (161), Glorious Sun (161), Gold Bullion (155), High Life (158), Hot Sun (155), Jolly Buttery (155), King's Fable (161), King's Worthy (158), Lemberg (158), Limestone (158), Lucky Face (161), Mortmain (158), Pie Face (158), Prima Donna (161), Racing Pluck (158), Racing Triumph (161), Ribbie (158), Rose Leaf (155), Sandy Bay (155), Shaughraun (161), Spinaway (161), Sporting Life (161), Sweet Life (158), The Redhawk (158), Too Tak (158), Tummet (158), Vago (158), West Parade (161), What a Chance (158), William Oiler (158), and Zero (158).

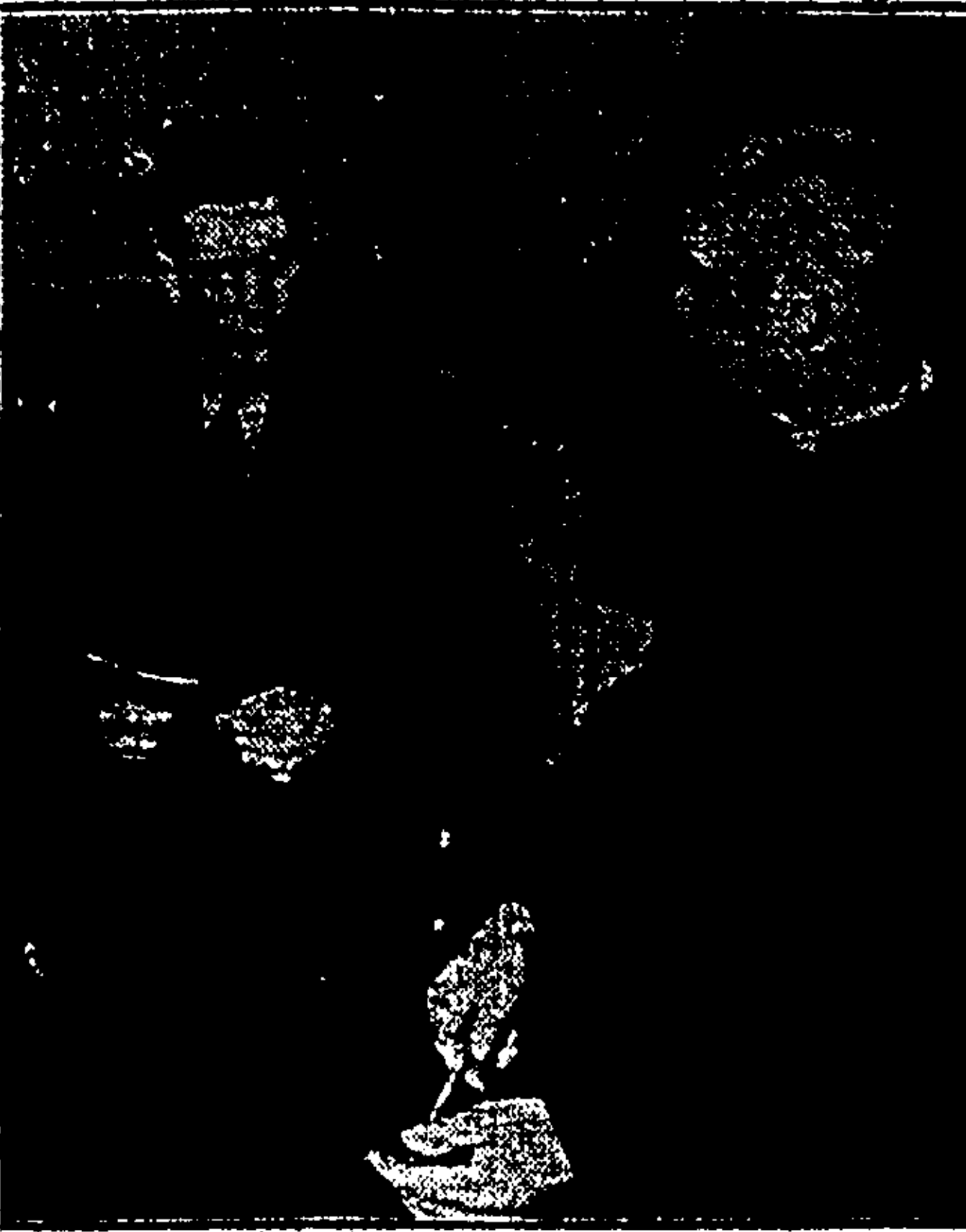
The "All Out" Stakes—Six Furlongs

Alexander Hall (158), Boxing Eve (152), Daylight (155), Flying Tourist (151), Gay Crusader (158), King's Bounty (158), Mayflower (158), Navy Hall (158), Royal Flush (149), Sadko (158), The Tiger (155), Tullum (155), Valorous (158), Wayward Star (161), Weybridge (155), Budge (158), Chief Seattle (161), Racing Triumph (161), Racing Pride (161), and William Oiler (158).

The Randwick Plate (Australian)

One Mile.
Atlas (155), Australian Boy (155), Plumbray (155), Glorious Star (152), High Plumes (149), Spit, Tap (152), Nall (155), Princess Angella (150), Racing Heart (157), Rumpus (135), and Vici (151).

Notre Dame's New Coach Lays Plans



Elmer Layden (left), once a member of Notre Dame's famous "Four Horsemen," who was recently appointed head football coach and athletic director at the Indiana university, is shown discussing plans with Father O'Hara, vice-president of Notre Dame.

Modern Football A Tin Soldier Combine

Famous Managers And Bad Effect Of Off-side Law

BELOW are given the views of prominent Home football managers upon the opinion that the change in the off-side law has led to a definite fall in the standard of football.

With one exception the managers are in entire agreement. Mr. W. H. Walker, recently appointed manager of Sheffield Wednesday, takes the opposite view—that there is nothing wrong with modern play.

This is what managers say: Mr. David Pratt (secretary-manager of Clapton Orient F.C.)—It is only too true that the standard of football has greatly deteriorated during the past eight years, and the change in the off-side law is partly to blame.

When this alteration was made a way had to be found to close the created gap, and now we have three full-backs, for nowadays no one can say that the average centre half is other than a full-back. This sacrificed the individual player for the tin soldier combine, and now what have we got? "Speed and brawn in the place of brains and common sense!"

I agree that players should be controlled and properly marshalled, but why kill the individual?

We hear a lot of the scarcity of young players these days, but if there is a lack it is because natural football ability is being killed for the speed and combine craze of the present age.

ONE SOLUTION

P. Gallagher, the greatest inside forward I have seen or played with, was not drilled into a mechanical game. He with 10 others went on to the field to pool their common sense in the best interests of the club, and Glasgow Celtic could and did play most attractive football with the best results.

As an alternative to the third full back, game, why not two centre half-backs?

The two full-backs would play close in with the two wing halves wide out and in front of them. Between them and the forwards would be an attacking centre half-back with the inside right or inside left in line as the occasion demands, leaving four forwards in a line and all attacking.

AS GOOD AS EVER

Mr. W. H. Walker, Sheffield Wednesday Secretary-Manager—Personally I think football to-day is as good as ever it was. The triangle work of the forwards has certainly been lost to football, but this is due to the development of the "tin soldier" combination. As a specialist football is as in the past, and the more intelligent and the more intelligent players you get among the players the more you are likely to provide a game that appeals to the spectators.



I think too much is made of the deterioration of football as a result of the off-side rule.

CHANGE COMING

Clubs Tired Of Third Full Back

Mr. Andrew Cunningham (Newcastle United manager and Glasgow Rangers international).

When the off-side law was changed most of the clubs were caught wondering what would happen, and, naturally, they adopted safety tactics by introducing the third back line.

Now, I am sure, there is a trend the other way, and clubs are getting back to the policy of the old attacking centre half. None of them like the idea of the purely defensive centre half, and they realise that the game is losing some of its attraction.

I predict that in another couple of seasons we shall be back to the old formation and that the centre half will be doing his job in the same way as before the off-side law was changed.

It may not be very noticeable yet, but I do see a definite trend away from the third back game.

GO BACK TO THE OLD ORDER

Intelligence Needed

Mr. Wilfred Wild (Manchester City manager)—I join in the general cry for a return to the days before the off-side law was altered.

The present game is less spectacular than when all the forwards joined in the attack. The change worked well for a time, but players and managers soon devised a way to circumvent the new plan.

The same thing would happen whatever "fresh idea" is tried.

I agree that the public cry is for more open play, and more goals, but I would point out that the game of modern football is intelligent and the more intelligent players you get among the players the more you are likely to provide a game that appeals to the spectators.

China Mail Sports Diary

TO-DAY

Hockey—Triangular Tournament—Army v. Hong Kong Hockey Club (Kowloon Park, 5 p.m.)
Carr Clark Cup—Y.M.C.A. v. Macao "A" (5.30 p.m.)

Lawn Tennis—Open Singles—J. W. Leonard v. Capt. P. C. Cannon or Ng Kim-chuen
Open Doubles—F. M. A. Rasmussen and J. A. E. Casambhoy v. S. A. and H. D. Euns-jahn

TO-MORROW

Hockey—Borderers v. East Lancashire (4.30 p.m.)
Radio Sports v. University (5 p.m.)

Lawn Tennis—Open Singles—Tait Wai-pui v. R. B. G. Hoare (Stand Court)
Open Doubles—Tait Wai-pui and Tait Yung-pui v. A. L. Sullivan and W. A. H. Duff or Tam Yee-fong and Ng Kim-chuen

FRIDAY

Hockey—H.K.S.R.A. v. East Lancashire (4.30 p.m.)
St. Andrew's v. "India" (Marina, 5 p.m.)

Lawn Tennis—Open Singles—W. A. H. Duff v. G. R. M. Ricketts or in Tak-chuek (Stand Court)

Open Doubles—L. Goss and E. C. Fincher or J. W. Leonard and V. Hashima v. in Tak-chuek and W. C. Hung or Chiu Chun-chiu and Lee U-wing.

RUGBY FOOTBALL

HOME UNIONS AND FRANCE

No Official Move Probable

MEETING SATURDAY NEXT

(By HOWARD MARSHALL)

February 9.

A statement was issued yesterday to the effect that the four home Unions have reached a decision on the question of resuming relations with the French Rugby Federation.

Last Friday, according to this statement, before the Scotland v. Wales match in Edinburgh, an informal meeting of representatives of the home Unions was held. Mr. Cyril Rutherford, the secretary of the French Federation, was present and he leaves London to-day, we are informed, to collect in Paris a letter to the French Federation from the International Board conveying the decision of the home Unions.

It is expected, moreover, that a statement will be issued from Paris to-morrow morning.

This all sounds most impressive, but in my opinion, it is simply one more example of intelligent anticipation of events. There has been a succession of rumours concerning a resumption of relations with France, but none of them has so far proved correct.

It is true that Mr. Rutherford was in Edinburgh last Friday, and that the usual informal meeting of representatives of the home Unions was held.

No Formal Meeting Held

The point is, though, that this meeting was informal, and that no formal meeting of the International Board has been held.

Until the position has been considered at a formal meeting of the Board it is obviously impossible for any official move in the matter to be made. The next statutory meeting of the Board is, as usual, on the eve of the Calcutta Cup match on March 27. Unless, therefore, a special meeting is convened before that time we may take it that all suggestions that relations have been resumed are rumours.

It is common knowledge that a certain amount of investigation has taken place unofficially, and that there is accordingly a definite movement towards a decision. It is well known also that the Welsh Union are inclined to resume fixtures, whereas the other home Unions maintain their attitude of friendly indifference.

France has to prove her case, and I am sure he will be acknowledged formally at a statutory meeting of the International Board. Any statement issued upon Paris to-morrow, then, is likely to be unofficial from the home Unions' point of view.

In the meanwhile, it would surely be as well if the International Board would clear up the position, and deal with these persistent rumours by issuing an official statement of the exact position.

NEW CHALLENGER FOR GOLF TITLE

Willie Macfarlane To Visit Britain.

HAS DEFEATED BOBBY JONES

Coral Gables, Florida.

Willie Macfarlane, winner of the \$10,000 (\$2,000) Miami, Biltmore, Open, Tournament here, has revealed that he expects to make his first challenge for the British Open Championship next season. The 42-year-old Tuckahoe, New York, professional was born in Aberdeen, Scotland. He worked as a plasterer in America before becoming a professional golfer. He has never played in the British Open Championship. He won the American Open in 1925, defeating Bobby Jones in the play-off at Worcester, Massachusetts, and last summer annexed the Metropolitan Open Title for the second time.

With a 288 four over par for 27 holes, Macfarlane added the Biltmore championship to his list, despite the fact that he was suffering from neuritis in his leg, due to a fall from a horse in 1925. He was the first American to win the Biltmore Open, which was won by Bobby Jones in 1925.

"RED" PARADE IN SNOWSTORM

30,000 Men And 585 Tanks

ANNIVERSARY OF JAPANESE ATTACK

"Mailed Fiat" Of Moscow

Moscow, February 10.

Today in a snowstorm 585 tanks and 30,000 men of the Red Army paraded across the Red Square in celebration of the holding of the seventeenth Communist Party Congress. It was also the thirtieth anniversary of the successful Japanese naval attack on the Russian fleet in Port Arthur harbour.

Such a parade at the time of holding the Congress is unprecedented. The provincial delegates will now return to their distant homes with a healthy sense of Moscow's "mailed fist." They occupied stands on each side of Lenin's tomb.

From the roof of the tomb M. Stalin, the Dictator, in a new military uniform, and his chief lieutenants took the salute. Foreign military attaches in full uniform stood at the foot of the tomb with the seniors officers of the Soviet General Staff. Among the latter I noticed Gen. Blucher, who is now Commander-in-Chief of the Far Eastern Red Army.

Led Chinese Troops.

Gen. Blucher is better known abroad as "Galen" who led the Chinese forces to Shanghai in 1927.

At the meeting of the Congress yesterday he made a very long report on the Soviet-Japanese situation. This has not been released for publication.

Cantering along the front of the troops in his usual Napoleonic style the War Commissary, M. Voroshiloff, reviewed the Moscow garrison, massed in the Red Square and adjacent streets. He afterwards joined M. Stalin on the roof of the tomb and addressed the army. He made no reference, however, to Japan.

After a salute of 101 guns in honour of the "International," the march past began to the strains of massed military bands of a thousand musicians. It went off without a hitch, the staff work and traffic control being, as ever, excellent.

Although from the drill sergeant point of view not up to our standards, the line regiments marched well. The Marines, however, were not as good as usual, and, pehaps owing to heavy drafting, the cadets from the military academies were distinctly raw.

Fine Civilian Force

Some sixty so-called "civilian" companies were, on the other hand, quite impressive. They are the local equivalent of Storm Troops, and were not included on the Red Army's strength in the returns sent to Geneva.

The regular cavalry were as fine as ever. But the artillery horses were surprisingly "b-b-n." and looked as if they had been fed on wet hay.

The pride of the day was a score of tractor-drawn heavy guns—eight-inch or thereabouts. They shared the loudest applause with a smart company of Girl Cadets. The usual wealth of mechanised and motorised units was also displayed.

A monster air demonstration which had been arranged had to be cancelled owing to the snowstorm.

HORTICULTURAL SHOW.

To-day's Local Event.

Entries have been received from Lady Peel and Lady Ho Tung among many others for to-day's annual Hong Kong Horticultural Society Show at the Volunteers' Headquarters, commencing at 3 p.m.

Mrs. Borrett, wife of the General Officer Commanding the Troops, will distribute the prizes.

A total of 45.37 per cent. of the Japanese army come from farming families, according to an investigation made by the military authorities. The percentage of professional men such as officials, physicians, artists and literary men, stands fourth at 5.15 per cent.

Another Runaway Romance?



Margaret Sullivan and Jed Harris

Hollywood is all agog at persistent reports that Margaret Sullivan, film star, and Jed Harris, New York theatrical producer, have become married by the elopement route. Miss Sullivan's absence from Hollywood and Harris' mysterious departure from Broadway started rumours.

SUICIDE VERDICT RETURNED

Capt. Bramwell Firm Theosophist.

"ENOUGH POTASSIUM CYANIDE TO KILL 20 PERSONS"

A verdict of suicide by poisoning was returned by the jury at the inquiry held at the Central Police Court yesterday into the circumstances of the death of the late Captain Arthur Bayley Worthington Bramwell, whose body was found in his room in the St. Francis Hotel on February 1.

It was revealed in evidence that the late Captain Bramwell took a quantity of potassium cyanide, sufficient to kill 20 persons. He was stated to be a firm believer in theosophy and had frequently talked of death, declaring that "if he died it was only a question of going to another world."

Jury's Verdict.

The jury in their verdict said: "We find that Captain Bramwell took the poison, but we have no means of knowing what state of mind he was in when he took it."

Mr. S. Balfour acted as Coroner and the jury comprised Messrs. A. O. Pile (Foreman), A. F. Walkden and C. J. Pintos.

Cyanide Potassium.

Dr. L. D. Pringle, of the Government Civil Hospital, in evidence, said that he held a post-mortem on the body and found that death was consistent with poisoning by cyanide potassium.

Mr. V. C. Branson, Government Analyst, said that he found .402 grammes of hydrocyanic acid in the deceased's organs, which in this case were formed by cyanide potassium. The legal dose usually taken was only .06 grammes. Witness also declared that a glass, given to him by the police and which was stated to have been found in the deceased's room at the Hotel, contained four drops of a solution of this poison.

Financial Difficulties.

Mr. John Pym, a friend of the deceased, in evidence, said that he did not know that the late Captain Bramwell was in financial difficulties until after his death. He was a firm believer in Theosophy and had always talked of death.

Detective Inspector John Murphy said that as far as he could ascertain the deceased had \$15,000 in August 1933, but he had since spent most of the money.

The late Captain Bramwell was 55 years of age and a native of Bath, Somersetshire.

After serving his early apprenticeship under the Shaw Savill and Albion Company he came out to China to join the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company.

About a year ago the deceased retired, and had been since travelling up and down the China Coast and making occasional visits to Hong Kong. He was understood to be in very comfortable circumstances, and possessed a small disposition, making a host of friends by whom he was very well liked.

ALLEGED SMUGGLERS REMANDED

\$5,000 Bail Granted In One Case.

SOLICITOR PROTESTS AGAINST THE AMOUNT

Charged with attempting to export unmanifested cargo, five Chinese, Lui Chi-chiu, shop manager, Li Sam, coolie, Ng Sam, tally-man, Pan Tong, third comrade and Chan Sha-piu, second comrade, were again remanded, until Tuesday, when they appeared before Mr. S. Balfour at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Bail was granted first defendant \$5,000, second, fourth and fifth defendants \$2,000, and third defendant \$1,000. A further charge for forging comrade.

Mr. J. B. Prentiss prosecuted, Mr. Peter Sin appeared for first defendant, and Mr. Hin-shing Lo, instructed by Mr. J. M. Hall, appeared for fifth defendant.

Mr. Prentiss, in a brief outline of the charge, stated that the prosecution had discovered one of the chief sources of smuggling in this Colony. He contended that the first prisoner has carried on a business on certain premises, purely with the purpose of smuggling, and that there was an agreement between him and the second comrade of the s.s. Sandviken whereby goods could be smuggled out of the Colony.

Mr. Sin, in protesting against the large amount of bail necessary, stated that even if his client, the first defendant, were guilty, the offence was only a minor one, and, further, the cargo seized was stated to be worth \$2,500, and was his client's property, which in itself should be sufficient guarantee against his absconding.

CONSPIRACY CHARGE SUBSTITUTED

Alleged Armed Robbers Remanded.

The charges of conspiracy against three unemployed Chinese, Cheung Po-kung, Fong Kwai and Yu Chung, who appeared on remand before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Central Magistracy this morning, were substituted for that of armed robbery upon the application of Sub-Inspector Nolloth.

The three accused were arrested last Saturday, on the first floor of 60, Lockhart Road, attempting to rob the other floors of the building. Weapons, including a revolver, 12 rounds of ammunition, a pencil-like weapon designed for the discharge of gas, and four cartridges containing gas, were found on the defendants.

It was stated that Yu Chung, when he was arrested, drew out the loaded revolver and attempted to resist his arrest. The case was remanded for another week.

EXCELLENT DANCING DISPLAY

Big Tribute Paid To Miss O'Keefe

MISS BETTY PESTONJI IN LIMELIGHT

"Grace and jollity," would sum up the performance of the pupils of the O'Keefe-Montgomery School of Dancing in the Dancing Display given, under the patronage of H.E. The Governor, Sir William Peel, at the King's Theatre yesterday evening.

The all-round excellence of the dancing spoke volumes for the patience and industry of Miss O'Keefe, the producer of a first-class exhibition.

The scene for part one was set in a beautiful old-world garden, and, appropriately enough, the first item was entitled "The Enchanted Garden." Mrs. A. M. Bowes-Smith opened this scene with a pleasing little song "An Old Garden." The Girl, the Fairy and the Enchantress then danced on to awake the sleeping spirits of the garden. Miss Joan Ferguson, Miss Gloria Lee and Miss Yvonne Martin danced graceful toe-dances in this scene. Miss Dawn Digby, the Statue, then awoke to dance with a balloon to an air from Chopin.

In the fourth item a dozen tiny Clowns frisked on to the stage, and amused the audience with their antics.

Spanish Dance Speciality

The outstanding item in the first half of the programme was a Spanish dance "Jota Aragonesa," by Miss Betty Pestonji, to the accompaniment of a song by Mr. G. D'Aquino. Miss Pestonji was encouraged and presented with a floral tribute.

Another song, "The Little Damsel" by Mrs. A. M. Bowes-Smith, and an excellent tap-dance by fourteen "Midnights" in attractive costumes of black and amber, closed the first half of the programme.

The first item after the interval was quite a novelty, being a tableau arranged by Miss O'Keefe, to exhibit to the public the methods used in the dancing school. Exercises from those given to the tiniest pupils, to the accomplished movements of the fully instructed, were displayed.

This tableau ended with the "Dunce," Miss P. Scocher, giving an exquisite display of toe-dancing. Miss W. Crosthwaite, showed some very graceful steps when she, as the "Picture," came to life, and instructed the "Dunce" after she had been left, in disgrace, in the class-room.

A very good interpretation of the Hungarian Dance by Miss Pat Anslow followed, and another Spanish dance, "Fandanguillo de Almeria," by Miss Betty Pestonji was greatly appreciated.

The "Harlequin and Columbine" dance by the Misses P. Scocher, G. Martin and H. Martin, evoked much applause, as did the display of ball-room dancing by Mr. S. A. Gray and Miss Bella Pestonji.

Items Omitted

Unfortunately, owing to pressure of time, several items had to be omitted, and the last item before the Grand Finale was the "Mazurka," in which ten small girls, in Russian costumes, delighted the audience.

The orchestral music was provided by the string band of the 1st Lincolnshire Regiment, special pianoforte accompaniments being by Mrs. Sinclair, Mrs. R. J. Sulter, Mrs. R. Pestonji, and Mr. A. M. Bowes-Smith.

After the performance, which was applauded throughout by a well crowded house, the stage was one mass of colour from the many floral tributes.

The following took part in the programme: Misses A. Dovy, R. Langston, J. Reiston, P. Fletcher, A. Chan, M. Chan, J. Zou, J. Bindler, H. Perry, Y. Perry, G. Yee, P. Alexander, R. Martin, J. Martin, P. Scocher, G. Crosthwaite, R. Lim, A. Fisher, K. Kinchin, J. Freeman, J. London, M. Scott, E. Lane, D. Digby, P. Anslow, B. Pestonji, N. Kew, J. Pestonji, L. Dunn, L. Chang, W. Anslow, B. Dillon, E. Wong, P. Castro, P. Kinchin, A. Baynes, D. Freeman, L. Leo, B. Best, W. Crosthwaite, B. Blumenthal, K. Fisher, M. Reed, N. May.

\$300,000 STADIUM FOR TIENTIN

Latest reports from North China state that a new \$300,000 stadium will be erected in Tientsin. Plans for China's newest athletic centre have already been completed, and the work will begin immediately.

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ADDRESS ON INDIA AT ROTARY.

Tribute To Late Mr. Mori.

A comprehensive survey dealing with general misconceptions of India in regard to matters economic, religious and social were dealt with by Mr. K. B. Valdia, who spoke at the Rotary Club Dinner at Gloucester Building yesterday. Rotarian T. B. Wilson presided, and at his call members present stood in silence for a minute in memory of Rotarian H. Mori who passed away recently. Dr. Montgomery was welcomed back from leave and guests welcomed.

CHINESE NUN WINS CASE.

Sued For \$452 For Work And Material.

Judgment with costs for defendant was given when Tsang Chuen, trading as Tsang Chuen Kee, sued SIK Yuen-chi, a Chinese nun from Kowloon City for \$452.00 for work done and material supplied, before Mr. Justice R. E. Lindell at the Supreme Court this morning. Plaintiff appeared in person and Mr. Horace Lo represented defendant. Counsel were Rotarian J. E. Ferguson (Canton) and Mr. M. A. Cooper.

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Hong Kong, Wednesday, March 7, 1934

Fascists, Nazis, Et Hoc.

Black shirts, brown shirts, blue shirts, green shirts—the apocryphal of this necessary and in general retiring garment is the salient fact in our present day political developments. It appears that to many of our decadent civilisation in this last resource can only be saved by shirts. They take their shirts seriously. Far from the tumult and the shouting as we are we may find it difficult so to do, but when we read that in all good faith the British parliament proposes to pass a law banning the wearing of distinctive shirts by political parties we sit up and take notice. Shirts, we say, are no longer a subject for humourists. We must look into the matter, under the shirts in fact, and find out the why of this sudden craze for uniforms, the wherefore of this rash of variegated underwear affecting the nations. "Uniforms," says the great McGarva, "are a curse, invented by the Kaiser, the Devil, and Baden Powell," which seems rather unfair to his satanic majesty. "The Kaiser put all Germany into uniforms, and the Chief Scout all the rest of the world. Once a Boy Scout you're never happy unless sporting a uniform. I own up, it's the kilt that keeps me in the Volunteers." Since the War the world has suffered from a spate of dictators, most of them pretty poor samples. Mussolini was the first, and so far the only outstanding success, though Hitler looks like running a good second. But then Mussolini is a great and good man, and will rank in history with Cromwell, Napoleon, Peter of Russia. A great psychologist, a great administrator, a great economist. Even in his selection of a uniform he showed his flair for finance. He saw his little army without a distinctive dress is unthinkable, a rabble under arms. They had no war chest to fall back on, but every man in the nature of things had a shirt. So shirts it was, black shirts, for soap costs money. If Tom Hood sang The Song of the Shirt, it was left to Mussolini to bring the shirt into his own. We knew Italy before the War, and we have visited it during the Dictator's regime. We can certify that the improvement in administration, sense of stability and every thing that depends on a sound government must be experienced to be believed. If a Dictator of Mussolini's calibre was available it is out of humble opinion—and we are not alone in that opinion—that Great Britain might do worse than give him the job. But Mussolini are few and far between. Can you imagine Great Britain, with her sound and highly developed political instinct handing over her destinies to any one of the blatant gasbags, newspaper magnates, overstrung intelligentsia, lime-lighters who at present see themselves in the role. If ever the day comes, and God forbid it, that the Old Country has fallen from its high estate as to need a Dictator, the day will bring forth the man. But that day is not yet. But do not run away with the idea that a dictatorship in Great Britain is impossible. Nothing is impossible to even the most stable and democratic country in this crisis, these days of "sturm und drang." What about Roosevelt, and a loudly vaunted pure democracy being governed by a President who has for all practical purposes a dictator's powers? And history tells us that for hundreds of years England was governed and thrived under a dictatorship, for what else were the Tudors, Kings? What else even was Elizabeth, what else was Robert the Bruce and the early Stuarts? But these were all strong-minded, clear-headed personalities, who knew what they wanted, and got it. That what they wanted was for the good of their country as well as for their own glorification can hardly, at least as a general proposition, be justly denied. For a hundred years and more a free democracy has been the most lauded form of government, the form aimed at by reformers in countries that knew it not. But the stock of democracy has suffered a bad slump of late years, and for that democracy itself is to blame. For democracy as we now know it is democracy run to seed, top-heavy, asking for a fall. Universal suffrage has killed it, as it would kill any state not owning an universally educated proletariat. As democracy is to-day it means government by the illiterate, the non-thinkers, the easily led. Government by the wind-bags, leading the horn-tired and the unfortunate, the jobless, the discontented, the failures, the flappers to the ballet box; and so their half-baked representatives to victory at the polls and to political power. Well, may the brain-weary and effete old men who rule Great Britain's destinies to-day fear the youth of the country taking to uniforms. They see it as the writing on the wall. For all men know that when a man takes off his coat he means business. He proclaims to the world that there is work to do, and he is getting ready to do it. The uniform, this shirt, has become an emblem and a sign.

HERE, THERE, and EVERYWHERE

The Dollar And Geneva

The devaluation of the dollar has had unfortunate consequences for the League of Nations.

Many scientific and statistical research activities carried on at Geneva have been financed for some years by wealthy American institutions.

The value of the dollar in Swiss francs being now exactly one half its value two years ago, these philanthropic societies have had drastically to curtail their expenditure at Geneva.

One American research organization associated with the League—the International Institute for the Scientific Organisation of Labour—has already gone out of business. Others may follow.

When The Thames Dried Up

Lord Desborough told the Authors' Club recently that "everyone who looks after a river is worried either by too much water or too little." Whoever was officially in charge of the Thames in 1312 must have been gravely disconcerted by an unprecedented drought. It was so severe that at low tide Londoners could wade knee-deep from the City to Southwark.

A still more phenomenal state of affairs happened in 1716. A torrid summer was followed by a sudden gale from the W.S.W. This blew the remaining water in the tidal Thames out to sea.

People walked almost dry-shod across the bed of the river.

Your Daily Smile.

THOSE PAPERS!

A University professor, invited to address a club meeting, chose as his subject: "Need of Education." The following day a newspaper headline reported, "Professor's Speech Shows Need of Education."

Wrecked!

The charge was one of drunkenness. "And what evidence have you to offer, constable," said the magistrate, "except that you found the prisoner lying comatose in a horse trough in the public square?"

"This, your worship," said the policeman, producing an empty whisky bottle. "It was floating beside him, and inside it was the message, 'Wrecked off Bull's Head; one survivor!'"

"America Faces Drink Shortage." Beer to-day and gone to-morrow.

That Funny Feeling

It was the eve of the party, and young Bobby was constantly thinking of joys to come.

"Oh, mum," he said, "I do feel so excited!"

"Excited, dear," said his mother, realising the cause. "What is excited?"

"Why," said the boy, "it's being in a hurry all over!"

THEY DON'T!

"But I want to marry a clever man."

"Clever men don't marry."

Help!

A pretty girl had a corpulent suitor. The stout lover went on his knees to propose in the old-fashioned manner. Even this romantic attitude, however, did not soften the girl, and she promptly refused him.

"Well, Marie," said the fat one, still on his knees. "If you'll not accept my offer you might at least help me up."

Facts You Did Not Know.

Operated by pressing a bulb, a new device fits the top of a bottle tightly and converts it into a siphon.

Half the exports of coffee in June were 114 per cent greater than the June average for the last nine years.

To increase the number of alpacas in the country Peru has prohibited exportation of the animals.

An electrically operated machine has been invented to make old cans of paint until their hardened pigments are thoroughly mixed with the oil again.

ENGLAND'S PRETTIEST WOMEN

PORTSMOUTH'S CLAIM TO FAME

WHERE LONDONERS LOSE

(By Mary Burdett.)

After roaming up and down England, I believed I have discovered the town which can boast the prettiest young women in England.

London? Wrong. London girls are the epitome of feminine smartness and have nice ankles, but their complexions invariably suggest stuffy offices and too many late hours. Besides, they all look so terribly blasé and sophisticated.

I admit I was biased in favour of London girls when I started my search. "Among these teeming thousands must exist the true beauties of Britain," I said to myself.

I was mistaken. Although different in many particulars, they were all alike in one essential—their different complexions. Even artificial makeup could not disguise the truth.

"Where shall I find the peaches and cream complexion of English tradition?" I asked myself. Not in London; that was clear.

I found them in Devonshire—the sort of complexions that American women envy and the exiled Englishwoman in the East painfully recalls as she surveys her own sallow skin.

These Devon girls have that "milkmaid complexion" of poster fame. Perhaps the moist, mild climate contributes to their charm. I have seen the same kind of complexion in some West of Ireland beauties.

I wish that I could claim for Exeter or Plymouth the privilege of possessing not merely the best complexions but the prettiest girls in England.

Here is the truth unvarnished. The figures of these Devon damsels suggest a too-liberal diet of jam and cream teas. So breathing a sigh over this problem of excess weight, I regretfully turned my back on Devon.

The Cornish beauties, of the Cornish Riviera caught my imagination. They have complex personalities and "keep one guessing." Their Celtic blood has been suffused with a Spanish strain; for history tells us that when the galleons of the Spanish Armada were wrecked on the Cornish coast many of the survivors intermarried with the inhabitants.

That surely must be why one sees in Cornwall types of women who would not look amiss in the streets of sunny Seville or Madrid. Thus history and human nature have combined to produce an unusual and beautiful physical type.

Gloucester is a city of quaint old-world charm; and this atmosphere is reflected in the personality of its women. They are charming, conservative, and dress quietly. Almost two quietly. They are all cast in the same mould, but their lack of "infinite variety" seems to blend with their dignified surroundings.

Yet, unless their looks mislead me, many of these Gloucester gentlewomen are of Welsh extraction. In that case, I wonder what Celtic fires smoulder beneath a demure exterior? How conflicting to possess a pagan temperament and a cathedral-city conscience!

Where are the pretty girls of Harrogate?

I did not notice many on the Stray (the common), or in the principal shopping centres, although there were stately dowagers and dignified matrons in plenty.

I was more successful in other Yorkshire towns. Two such widely different places as York and Leeds presented some fine specimens of English womanhood, and I do not remember ever seeing so much Auburn hair south of the Tweed. All natural too!

Chumberland Belles

In distant Chumberland, converging races of Anglo-Scottish forefathers have produced a type that harmonises with the rugged grandeur of its surroundings. The Chumberland woman is tall and well-built; she is "open" and handsome, but seldom pretty. The Chumberland has always been

clashed me, and the majority of women there belong to an interesting and un-English type.

In the Middle Ages, when the cruel persecutions of the Spanish Inquisition drove the Flemish weavers from their homes in the Netherlands, many sought a refuge in the East Coast towns and villages of England. To this day, numbers of their descendants show unmistakable traces of foreign origin.

There are girls in Boston and Spalding that Rubens or Van Dyck might have painted. They have the bright, deep-set eyes, the rather widely modelled faces, and the rosy cheeks that one sees to-day in the Netherlands.

My travels brought me into contact with many interesting types, but I did not realise that my search was over until I reached Portsmouth.

I have been watching those gay, trim young southern women in all their moods. I have been studying them shopping in Palmerston-road, walking briskly along the Ladies' Mile, disporting themselves at various places of amusement in the harbour town.

So, after due fasting and intense meditation, I have decided to award the palm to Portsmouth for possessing the prettiest girls in England.

The typical Portsmouth girl has that fresh, out-of-the-handbox look which is so compellingly attractive. The sea breezes have whipped the colour into her cheeks, so that she looks like the picture of health. She is just as chic as her London cousin, without possessing that bored and blasé expression. Her complexion is good, her figure slim and supple, and she surely understands the art of make-up.

I insist that the young women of Portsmouth are the prettiest in England.

And I refuse to be contradicted—even by the Royal Navy.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Mr. Li Tsz Fong Welcomed.

TWO RESOLUTIONS CARRIED

The 91st Meeting of the Board of Education was held on Tuesday, March 6 at 3 o'clock. Members present were—

Director of Education—Mr. N. L. Smith, B.A., (Chairman), Senior Inspector of English Schools—Mr. A. R. Sutherland, M.A., Senior Inspector of Vernacular Schools—Mr. Y. P. Law, B.A., Mr. A. J. Arculli, Rev. Fr. Byrne, S.J., Ph.D., Captain P. S. Cannon, M.A., A.E.C., Mr. L. D'Almeida e Castro, Jr., Sir W. W. Hornell, Kt., C.B.E., M.A., L.L.D., Mr. Li Tsz Fong, Very Rev. A. Swann, M.A., D.S.C., Hon. Mr. S. W. Tao, C.B.E., L.L.D., and Mr. B. Wyke.

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Li Tsz Fong, who had been appointed to the Board in place of Mr. H. K. Woo, L.L.D., resigned.

The following resolutions were carried:

(a) "That this Board recommends the inclusion of the Maryknoll Convent School, Kowloon, in the list of Grant-in-Aid Schools and asks that the Estimates for 1935 should include a sum of \$10,000 for this purpose."

(b) "That Government be requested to approve of the usual Grant-in-Aid to the Branch School of the Diocesan Anglo-School at Kowloon, Tong and to include \$1,000 in the Estimates for 1935."

"WILLIAM TELL" TALKIE

London. A spectacular talking picture based on the life of the Swiss patriot, William Tell, is to be made in Berlin with Gustav Wied as George, the American Grant.

DICTATORSHIP NOT FOR BRITAIN

Mr. Baldwin Broadcasts His Views.

CIVIL WAR THREAT

London, To-day. In a broadcast address to schools this afternoon, Mr. Stanley Baldwin expressed the strong belief that dictatorships, whether from the Right or Left, would not flourish in British soil where democratic institutions were indigenous.

He admitted that a Dictator might do much when in power, but one thing he could not do was to create another Dictator. When he went chaos often resulted.

He appreciated that the young were always in a hurry, and possibly those two alien growths, Communism and Fascism might appeal to some of them.

Civil War Would Result.

Britain was a free country in which either creed might be supported in safety, but he believed that if the British people, in great numbers, became adherents of either Communism or Fascism, there could only be one end of it—civil war.

Adjoining youth to take its share in the responsibilities of public life. Mr. Baldwin said:—"If you do so, use your common sense, avoid logic, love your fellowmen, have profound faith in your own people, grow the hide of a rhinoceros, and you will find all the adventure you want, for it is indeed endless."—British Wireless Service.

H.M.S. ROBIN LAUNCHED

(Continued from Page 1.)

Mr. Greig went on to say that it was generally known H.M.S. Robin was built by Messrs. Yarrow and Company and brought to Hong Kong in parts and assembled at the Taikoo Docks. The Admiralty over-seers would later inspect the vessel, and he hoped that they would tell him that it had been done properly.

He said that this vessel represented the fifth gunboat which the Taikoo Docks had erected for the Admiralty, and hoped that it was not to be the last.

Mr. Greig presented Mrs. Elliott with a brooch as a souvenir of the ceremony, and toasted the health of Mrs. Elliott and the Captain in adding his best wishes in connection with H.M.S. Robin.

Mrs. Elliott thanked Mr. Greig very much for the honour of christening H.M.S. Robin and wished the vessel every success. She also congratulated everybody on the work they had done.

SUBMARINE ON SLIPS

Commodore Elliott said that for the past many years the Admiralty and the Taikoo Docks had worked in perfect harmony. This was one of the many ships that had been brought out to Hong Kong and erected by the Docks, and as a matter of fact, at present a submarine now on the slips.

He paid special tribute to Mr. Greig for the very good work he had done for the Navy during his many years out here, and proposed a toast to the health of the firm, coupled with that of Messrs. Yarrow and Company.

FOR WEST RIVER NEXT MONTH

H. M. S. Robin is the very latest type of river gunboat, having an exceptionally low draft.

She was brought out in parts to Hong Kong, on November 10, by the s.s. Hector and assembled at the Docks under the supervision of Mr. W. R. Latham and Comdr. Lang, the latter being in charge of her engines.

It is expected that the vessel will be commissioned for service on the West River patrol early in April.

DESCRIPTION OF VESSEL

Designed by Sir A. W. Johns, K. C. B., C. B. E., and built by Messrs. Yarrow and Company, Ltd., at Scotstoun, her dimensions are: length 150 feet, 8½ feet; draught and breadth 26½ feet. She displaces 225 tons and has two 800 horse-power engines, giving her a speed of 12½ knots. She carries 40 tons of oil fuel.

Her armament includes one 3.7 inch howitzer and a 6 pounder, in addition to machine guns.

Comdr. Donald is in command, with Lt. Boothby as second officer. She carries a complement of 40.

"Heart-Breaker"



Miss Virginia Kilbourne, pretty co-ed, who for the second time has been elected by her fellow students as the "biggest heart-breaker" at the Louisiana State University at Baton Rouge. She was recently given a screen test by a major Hollywood film company.

COMPLETE ECONOMY PLAN WANTED.

Warning By American Agriculture Secretary

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL.—(By Telegraph, Copyright, Telegram, and Messenger Ordinance, 1934. Received March 6, 4.20 p.m.)

New York, To-day.

In a speech here, yesterday, the United States Secretary of Agriculture, Mr. Henry C. Wallace, warned that uncontrolled inflation, producing astounding results, would be the alternative of international planned economy.

He hinted at the peril, "after our present illusions have been swept away," unless they developed an international economic plan more complete than the present temporary Governmental expedients.—United Press, per S.C. Gold Bar Co.

TIGER MOTH PLANES FOR R.A.F.

Air Ministry Place Substantial Order.

WORLD-WIDE POPULARITY

London, To-day.

The British Air Ministry has placed a substantial order for De Havilland "Tiger Moth" light biplanes which will form the equipment of certain Royal Air Force units.

These machines resemble in size and general appearance the well-known "Moth" touring planes which are flown by amateur pilots all over the world, but they are designed for the carriage of the comprehensive military load and the performance of every manoeuvre in the repertoire of the service pilot.

Well-Known Machines.

Power is supplied by a single 130 horsepower "Gipsy Major" air-cooled engine, and full provision is made for flying by instruments alone without the help of outward vision. The "Tiger Moth" and "Moth" training aeroplanes are well-known to pilots of fourteen foreign countries outside of Great Britain.

They are Brazil, Chile, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Spain, Portugal, Germany, Poland, Netherlands, Persia, China, Japan and Austria.—British Wireless Service.

SUGAR CONFERENCE IN LONDON.

Ten Governments Meet At Second Sitting.

PROBLEM OF PRODUCTION

London, To-day.

The London conference on the production and the marketing of sugar, summoned by the Bureau of the World Economic Conference, held its second sitting yesterday, when statements were made by the Earl of Plymouth, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for the Colonies, who was on Monday elected Chairman, and by the United States delegate.

The latter based his statement on the message of President Roosevelt to Congress on February 8, and on the Bill introduced into the Senate four days later.

Lord Plymouth stated that the British Government adhered to the proposals made at the time of the World Economic Conference, except for some small adjustment of export figures applying to non-self-Governing Colonies.

The Government represented

BRITAIN'S SOUND FINANCES

Revenue Surplus Now £13,000,000.

LOWER EXPENDITURE

London, To-day.

The latest Treasury returns show that the ordinary revenue for the current financial year, up to March 3, amounted to £655,015,624. At the corresponding date of last year, the amount stood £660,089,369.

Ordinary expenditure to date for the current year, totalled £632,236,079, as compared with £673,017,021 at the corresponding date of last year.

From the figures it will be seen that the surplus of revenue over expenditure had last week increased to about £18,000,000, a figure which is likely to be substantially exceeded by the end of this month, when the financial year terminates.

Of the £18,000,000 in land revenue collected during the week, £14,000,000 came from income tax, £2,500,000 from surtax, and £1,500,000 from estate duty.—British Wireless Service.

CONSERVATIVES SUFFER LOSS.

Passing Of Hon. Mary Ada Pickford.

London, To-day.

The death occurred yesterday of the Hon. Mary Ada Pickford, C.B.E., the Conservative Member of Parliament for North Hammersmith, since 1931.—Reuter.

The Hon. Mary Pickford was the youngest daughter of Lord Sarncliffe, Master of the Rolls. Educated at Wycombe Abbey School and at Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford, she assisted in the preparation of the official Naval History of the War, from 1917 to 1921.

Later, she was a member of the Malcolm Committee of Education in relation to industry, and was technical adviser to the Government delegates at the International Labour Conference, at Geneva, in 1927 and 1928. In 1929, she was the Conservative candidate for the Farnworth division of Lancashire.

SINO-JAPANESE PARLEYS

Rapprochement Reports Exaggerated.

Tokyo, To-day.

The Chinese Legation declares that yesterday's message regarding the exchange of views between Japanese business men and Chinese Legation officials, is an overstatement.

The Legation members merely exchanged social courtesies with Mr. Kenji Kodama, President of the Yokohama Specie Bank, and Mr. Miyajima.

In any event, any negotiations for closer economic co-operation must be carried on at Nanking.—Reuter.

LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES

Mok Yat-chi, a Chinese, died at the Tung Wah Hospital from the effect of opium poisoning, said to have been self-administered. The remains were taken to the mortuary.

Tam Lum, of 32 Jordan Road, was taken to the Kwong Wah Hospital yesterday, suffering from the effects of immersion, when he attempted to commit suicide by jumping into the harbour from a passenger boat near the Yaumatei Ferry.

The Chief Petty Officers and Petty Officers of H.M.S. Cumberland are holding a dance at Lane, Crawford's restaurant on Friday, commencing at 9 p.m. and continuing until 1 a.m. The Cheero Band will play.

The Department for Overseas Chinese Affairs has issued a detailed report showing the number of Chinese emigrants to other countries during 1933 as 182,000 and the number of those who have been forced by various circumstances to return to China as 278,000.

This preliminary conference at the United Kingdom, Belgium, United States, Hong Kong, and

To-day's Short Story.

THE SEA RAIDERS

By H. G. Wells.

UNTIL the extraordinary affair at Sidmouth, the peculiar species *Hoplostethus ferox* was known to science only generically, on the strength of a half-digested tentacle obtained near the Azores, and a decaying body pecked by birds and nibbled by fish, found early in 1896 by Mr. Jennings, near Land's End. In no department of zoological science, indeed, are we quite so much in the dark as with regard to the deep-sea cephalopods. A mere accident, for instance, it was that led to the Prince of Monaco's discovery of nearly a dozen new forms in the summer of 1895, a discovery in which the before-mentioned tentacle was included. It chanced that a cachalot was killed off Terceira by some sperm whales, and in its last struggles charged almost to the Prince's yacht, missed it, rolled under, and died within twenty yards of his rudder. And in its agony it threw up a number of large objects, which the Prince, dimly perceiving they were strange and important, was, by a happy expedient, able to secure before they sank. He set his screws in motion, and kept them circling in the vortices thus created until a boat could be lowered. And these specimens were whole cephalopods and fragments of cephalopods, some of gigantic proportions, and almost all of them unknown to science!

It would seem, indeed, that these large and agile creatures, living in the middle depths of the sea, must, to a large extent, for ever remain unknown to us, since under water they are too nimble for nets, and it is only by such rare unlooked-for accidents that specimens can be obtained. In the case of *Hoplostethus ferox*, for instance, we are still altogether ignorant of its habitat, as ignorant as we are of the breeding-ground of the herring or the sea-waves of the salmon. And zoologists are altogether at a loss to account for its sudden appearance on our coast. Possibly it was the stress of a hunger migration that drove it hither-out of the deep. But it will be, perhaps, better to avoid necessarily inconclusive discussion, and to proceed at once with our narrative.

TO-MORROW'S STORY

To-morrow's story will be "Dope," by Collin Davy.

The first human being to set eyes upon a living *Hoplostethus*—the first human being to survive, that is, for there can be little doubt now that the wave of bathing fatalities and boating accidents that travelled along the coast of Cornwall and Devon in early May was due to this cause—was a retired tea-dealer of the name of Fison, who was stopping at a Sidmouth boarding-house. It was in the afternoon, and he was walking along the cliff path between Sidmouth and Ladam Bay. The cliffs in this direction are very high, but down the red face of them in one place a kind of ladder staircase has been made. He was near this when his attention was attracted by what at first he thought to be a cluster of birds struggling over a fragment of food that caught the sunlight, and glistened pinkish-white. The tide was right out, and this object was not only far below him, but remote across a broad waste of rock reefs covered with dark seaweed and interspersed with silvery shining tidal pools. And he was, moreover, dazzled by the brightness of the further water.

In a minute, regarding this again, he perceived that his judgement was in fault, for over this struggle circled a number of birds, jackdaws and gulls for the most part, the latter gleaming blindingly when the sunlight smote their wings, and they seemed minute in comparison with it. And his curiosity was, perhaps, aroused all the more strongly because of his first insufficient explanations.

As he had nothing better to do than amuse himself he decided to make this object, whatever it was, the goal of his afternoon walk instead of Ladam Bay, conceiving it might perhaps be a great fish of some sort, stranded by some chance by And so he hurried down the long, men steep ladder, stopping at intervals Gallopian, aged 25, and Leo Mes of 30ft. or so to take breath and sina, aged 24, both of Brooklyn. scan the mysterious movement.

At the foot of the cliff he was, of course, nearer his object that he had been; but, on the other hand, it now came up against the incandescent sky, beneath the sun, so as to seem dark and indistinct. Whatever was pinkish of it was now hidden by a sherry of weedy boulders. But he perceived that it was made up of seven rounded bodies, distinct or connected, and that the birds kept up a constant croaking and screaming, but seemed afraid to approach it too closely.

Mr. Fison, torn by curiosity, he unemployed "pork-seller," pleaded gain picking his way across the gully to a charge of being "in wave-worn rocks" and, finding the possession of an iron bar, useful wet seaweed that covered them for an unlawful purpose, and was thickly rendered them extremely fined \$50 in default one month's alimony, he stepped removed his hard labour, by Mr. S. Balfour at shoes and socks and called his the Central Magistrate's this trousers above his knees. His ob morning, in view of the fact that there "bbling" into the rocky pools, has been trouble among the members of the Pork Seller's as all men are, of an O.G.D., the police consider this do- even for a moment, came to Hong Kong with intentions of his body, the express purpose of assaulting At any rate, it is to this, in somebody. The defendant had previously been convicted for larceny.

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NEW YORK OUTRAGE

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INDIA'S EARLIEST PRINTED BOOK.

Portuguese Medical Work Sold.

AUCTIONED FOR £340.

London. One of the earliest books printed in India has been auctioned at Sothebys for £340.

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THE SEA RAIDERS

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But the oars had scarcely dropped into the water before dark, tapering, serpentine ropes had bound them, and were about the rudder; and creeping up the sides of the boat with a looping motion came the suckers again. The men gripped their oars and pulled, but it was like trying to move a boat in a floating raft of weeds. "Help here!" cried the boatman, and Mr. Fison and the second workman rushed to help lug at the oar.

Then the man with the boathook—his name was Ewan, or Ewen—sprang up with a curse, and began striking downwards over the side as far as he could reach, at the bank of tentacles that now clustered along the boat's bottom. And, at the same time, the two rowers stood up to get a better purchase for the recovery of their oars. The boatman handed his to Mr. Fison, who lugged desperately, and, meanwhile, the boatman opened a big clasp-knife, and, leaning over the side of the boat, began hacking at the spiraling arms upon the oar shaft.

Mr. Fison, staggering with the quivering-rocking of the boat, his teeth set, his breath coming short, and the veins starting on his hands as he pulled at his oar, suddenly cast his eyes seaward. And there, not fifty yards off, across the long rollers of the incoming tide, was a large boat standing in towards them, with three women and a little child in it. A boatman was rowing, and a little man in a pink-ribboned straw hat and white stood in the stern, hailing them. For a moment, of course, Mr. Fison thought of help, and then he thought of the child. He abandoned his oar forthwith, threw up his arms in a frantic gesture, and screamed to the party in the boat to keep away "for God's sake!" It was much for the modesty and courage of Mr. Fison that he does not seem to be aware that there was any quality of heroism in his action at this juncture. The oar he had abandoned was at once drawn under, and presently reappeared floating about twenty yards away.

At the same moment Mr. Fison felt the boat under him lurch violently, and a hoarse scream, a prolonged cry of terror from Hill, the boatman, caused him to forget the party of excursionists altogether. He turned, and saw Hill crouching by the forward rowlock, his face convulsed with terror, and his right arm over the side and drawn tightly down. He gave now a succession of short, sharp cries, "Oh! oh! oh!—oh!" Mr. Fison believes that he must have been hacking at the tentacles below the water-line, and have been grasped by them, but, of course, it is quite impossible to say now, certainly what had happened. The boat was heeling over, so that the gunwale was within ten inches of the water, and both Ewan and the other labourer were striking down into the water with oar and boathook, on either side of Hill's arm. Mr. Fison instinctively placed himself to counterpoise them.

boat heeled more and more, and the green-brown water came pouring in a cascade over the side.

Then Hill slipped and fell with his ribs across the side, and his arm and the mass of tentacles about it splashed back into the water. He rolled over; his boot kicked Mr. Fison's knee as that gentleman rushed forward to seize him, and in another moment fresh tentacles and whipped about his waist and neck, and after a brief, convulsive struggle, in which the boat was nearly capsized, Hill was lugged overboard. The boat righted with a violent jerk that all but sent Mr. Fison over the other side, and hid his struggle in the water from his eyes.

He stood staggering to recover his balance for a moment, and as he did so, he became aware that the struggle and the inflowing tide had carried them close upon the weedsy rocks again. Not four yards off a table of rock still rose in rhythmic movements above the inwash of the tide. In a moment Mr. Fison seized the oar from Ewan, gave one vigorous stroke, then, dropping it, ran to the bows and leapt. He felt his feet slide over the rock, and, by a frantic effort, leapt again towards a further mass. He stumbled over this, came to his knees, and rose again.

"Look out!" cried someone, and a large drab body struck him. He was knocked flat into a tidal pool by one of the workmen, and as he went down he heard another, choking cry, that he believed at the time came from Hill. Then he found himself marvelling at the shrillness and variety of Hill's voice. Someone jumped over him, and a curving rush of foamy water poured over him, and passed. He scrambled to his feet dripping, and, without looking seaward, ran as fast as his terror would let him shoreward. Before him, over the flat space of scattered rocks, stumbled the two workmen—one a dozen yards in front of the other.

He looked over his shoulder at last, and seeing that he was not pursued, faced about. He was astonished. From the moment of the rising of the cephalopods out of the water, he had been acting too swiftly to fully comprehend his actions. Now it seemed to him as if he had suddenly jumped out of an evil dream. For there were the sky, cloudless and blazing with the afternoon sun, the sea wetting under its pitiless brightness, the soft creamy foam of the breaking water, and the low, long, dark ridges of rock. The righted boat floated, rising and falling gently on the swell about a dozen yards from shore. Hill and the monster, all the stress and tumult of that fierce fight for life, had vanished as though they had never been.

Mr. Fison's heart was beating violently; he was throbbing to the fingertips, and his breath came deep. There was something missing. For some seconds he could not think clearly enough what this might be. Sun, sky, sea, rocks—what was it? Then he remembered the boatload of excursionists. It had vanished. He wondered whether he had imagined it. He turned, and saw the two workmen standing, one by side of the other, projecting naked arms that held of him, glaring straight and resolute, showed no interest above the surface. The

physical excitement seemed to desert him suddenly, and leave him aimless and helpless. He turned shoreward, stumbling and wading towards his two companions.

He looked back again, and there were now two boats floating, and the one farthest out at sea pitched clumsily, bottom upward.

So it was *Hoploteuthis ferax* made its appearance upon the Devonshire coast. So far, this has been its most serious aggression. Mr. Fison's account, taken together with the wave of boating and bathing casualties to which I have already alluded, and the absence of fish from the Cornish coasts that year, points clearly to a shoal of these voracious deep-sea monsters prowling slowly along the sub-tidal coastline. Hunger migration has, I know, been suggested as the force that drove them hitherto; but, for my own part, I prefer to believe the alternative theory of Hensley.

Hensley holds that a pack or shoal of these creatures may have become enamoured of human flesh by the accident of a foundered ship sinking among them, and have wandered in search of it out of their accustomed zone; first waylaying and following ships, and so coming to our shores in the wake of the Atlantic traffic. But to discuss Hensley's cogent and admirably-stated arguments would be out of place here.

It would seem that the appetites of the shoal were satisfied by the catch of eleven people—for so far as can be ascertained, there were ten people in the second boat, and certainly these creatures gave no further signs of their presence off Sidmouth that day. The coast between Seaton and Budleigh Salterton was patrolled all that evening and night by four Preventive Service boats, the men in which were armed with harpoons and cutlasses, and as the evening advanced, a number of more or less similarly equipped expeditions, organised by private individuals, joined them. Mr. Fison took no part in any of these expeditions.

About midnight excited hails were heard from a boat about a couple of miles out at sea to the south-east of Sidmouth, and a lantern was seen waving in a strange manner to and fro and up and down. The nearer boats at once hurried towards the alarm. The venturesome occupants of the boat—a seaman, a curate, and two schoolboys, had actually seen the monster passing under their boat. The creature, it seems, like most deep-sea organisms, were phosphorescent, and they had been floating, five fathoms deep or so, like creatures of moonlight through the blackness of the water, their tentacles reflected and as if asleep, flapping over and over, and moving slowly in a widge-like formation towards the south-east.

These people told their story in guttural fragments, as first one boat drew alongside and then another. At last there was a little fleet of eight or nine boats collected together, and from them a tumult, like the clatter of a market-place, rose into the stillness of the night. There was little or no disposition to pursue the shoal, the people had neither weapons nor experience for such a dubious chase, and presently, even with a certain reluctance, they turned shoreward. And now to all what is perhaps the most astonishing fact in this whole extraordinary tale. We have seen the curious behaviour of the monster, the manner of its attack, and the manner in which it may

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perhaps, be significant that a cachalot was stranded off Sark on June 3. Two weeks and three days after this Sidmouth affair a living *Hoploteuthis* came ashore on Calais sands. It was alive because several witnesses saw its tentacles moving in a convulsive way. But it is probable that it was dying. A gentleman named Fouquet obtained a rifle and shot it.

That was the last appearance of a living *Hoploteuthis*. No others were seen on the French coast. On the 15th of June a dead body, almost complete, was washed ashore near Torquay, and a few days later a boat from the Marine Biological station, engaged in dredging off Plymouth, picked up a rotting specimen, dashed deeply with a cutlass wound. How the former specimen had come by its death it is impossible to say. And on the last day of June Mr. Richard Cairns, an artist, bathing near Bournemouth, threw up his arms, shrieked, and was drawn under. A friend bathing with him made an attempt to save him, but again he disappeared. This is the last fact in all of this extraordinary tale. The deeper sea? Whether it is really the last of these terrible creatures it is as yet premature to say. But it is believed, and certainly seems to be proved, that they have departed now and returned to their business depths of the mid-ocean, out of which they have so strangely and so mysteriously arisen.

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In an interview in regard to the re-convening of the World Economic Conference, Mr. Child said: "We have nothing to propose. It is up to the other nations if the Conference is to be revived."
— Renter.

Mr. Child, who was adviser to the American Secretary of State, Mr. William Cordell Hull, at the World Economic Conference, plans to leave for London on March 15, for a three-months economic survey of Europe.

Although he is not empowered to make any commitments on behalf of the United States, he is not restricted as regards the questions he might discuss with European statesmen.

Conference Considered Unlikely Just Yet.

Washington, To-day.
It is intimated that Mr. Richard Washburn Child's mission to Europe has a definite tie-up with President Roosevelt's pending tariff policies, and also with the reciprocal trade agreements he hopes to negotiate and for which it is essential to have the latest authentic information regarding the economic status of Europe.

Authoritative circles do not believe it probable that the World Economic Conference will be re-convened in the near future.
— United Press per S. C. Gold Bar Co.

LOCAL DOLLAR UNCHANGED.

Silver Prices Decline.

The local dollar remains unchanged, opening on demand this morning at 1/8%.

Spot and forward silver yesterday declined 1/16, closing prices being 20 9/16 and 20% respectively.

The London on New York cross rate, quoted on Monday at \$U.S.\$5.06 3/4, yesterday closed at \$U.S.\$5.06 1/2, while the New York on London rate yesterday closed at \$U.S.\$5.07 1/4 as compared with \$U.S.\$5.06 1/2 on Monday.

U.S. INDUSTRIAL CREDIT BANKS

Scheme To Assist Finance Recovery.

ROOSEVELT APPROVES PLAN

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL.
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Authoritative circles believe that the Government will shortly adopt a plan creating 12 intermediate industrial credit banks in 12 Federal Reserve districts to provide business with direct long term credit against security, such as inventories, bills and receivable trade paper, and to help finance recovery, presumably with U.S.\$100,000,000 of Reconstruction Finance Corporation capital.

President Roosevelt, the Treasury Secretary, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, and Federal Reserve officials are reported to approve of the plan, due to the complaints that business is almost unable to get longer term money at the present times. — United Press per S. C. Gold Bar Co.

WEATHER FORECAST

Fine, with moderate north-east winds, is the forecast contained in the official weather report issued by the Royal Observatory this morning.

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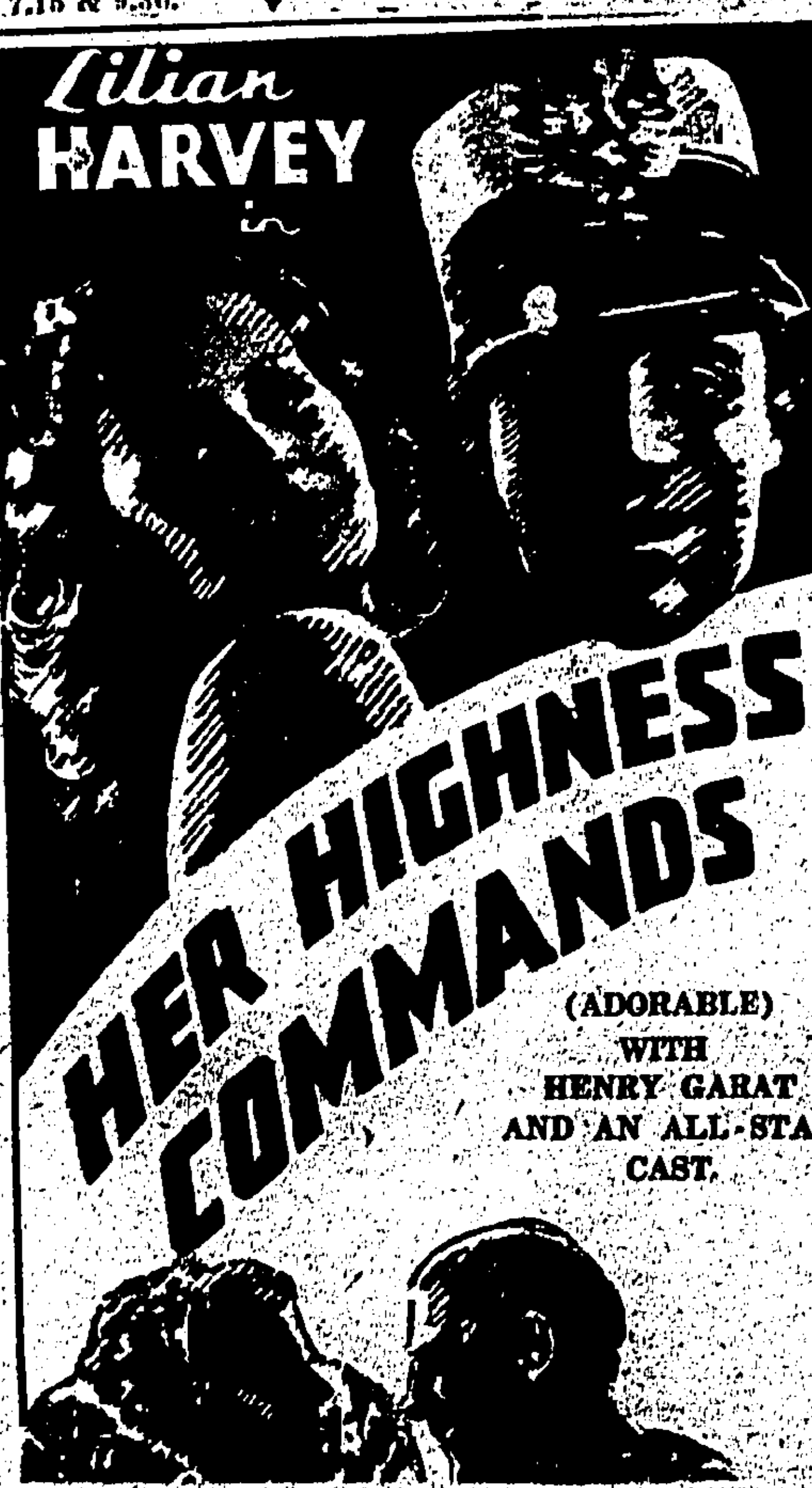
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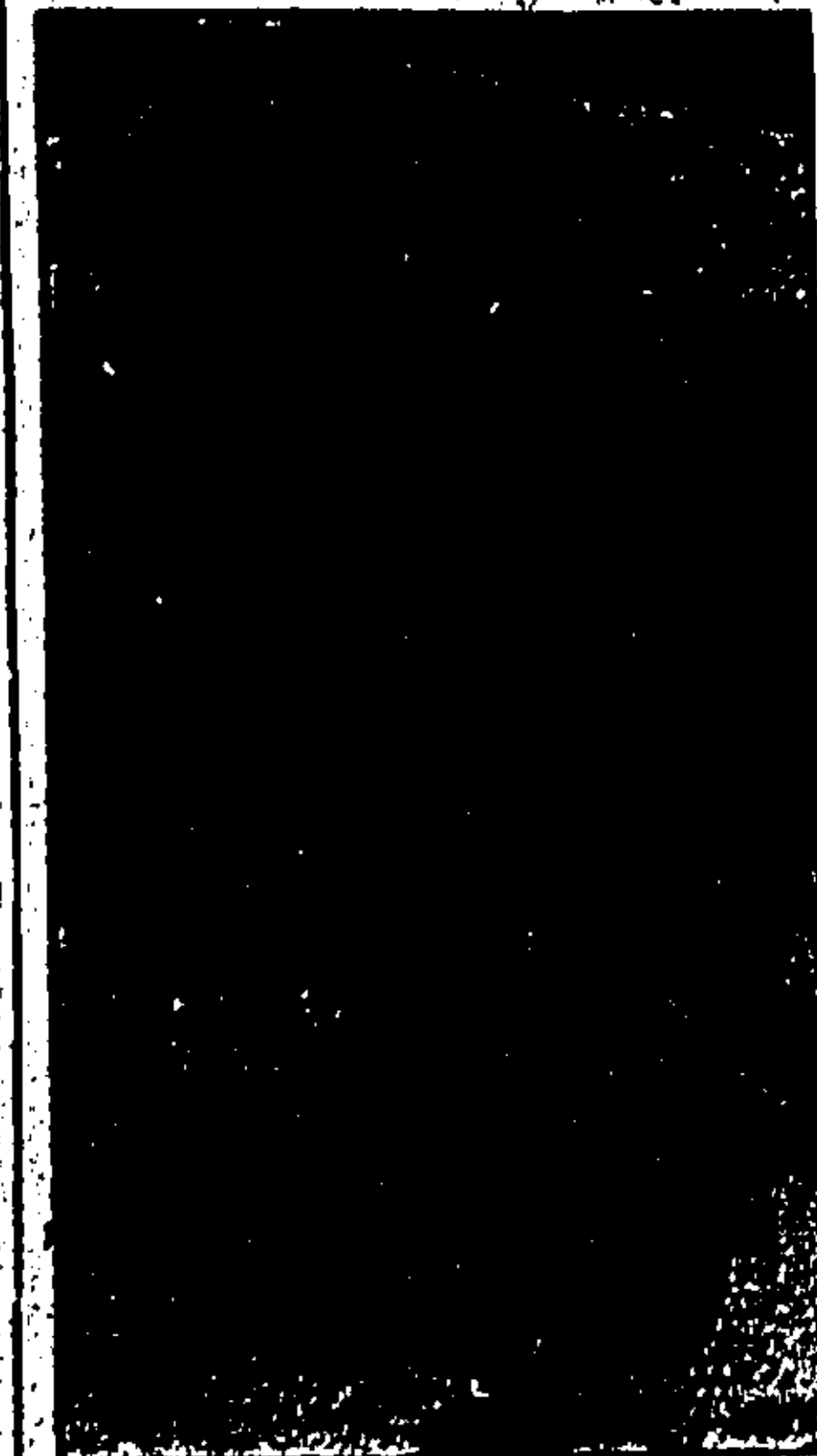


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